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Judges crack down on holiday drinkers

By B.J. HAMMERSTEIN
 Staff Writer

As the New Year's Eve countdown gets shorter and shorter, many organizations will be working together to help prevent major problems from occurring.

And because super celebrations will be in the offing, many people will probably consume alcohol on the big night out.

In an effort to reduce the risks posed by those with serious alcohol problems, Novi 52-1 District Court judges Michael Batchik, Dennis Powers and Brian MacKenzie, along with the rest of the district courts of Oakland County, the Michigan State Police, Mothers Against Drunk Driving, Jail Alternatives for Michigan and Michigan Arrest have announced the creation of Y2CARE.

"There are basically three things we are trying to say by doing this," MacKenzie said.

"One is that this is a deterrent to people who have shown that alcohol is a problem. These are people that have been convicted within the last two years who drive when they drink.

"Also we are trying to reinforce

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Father is convicted in infant's choking

Wendy Pierman Mitzel
 Staff Writer

If she lived, she might have been a Novi Middle School student today.

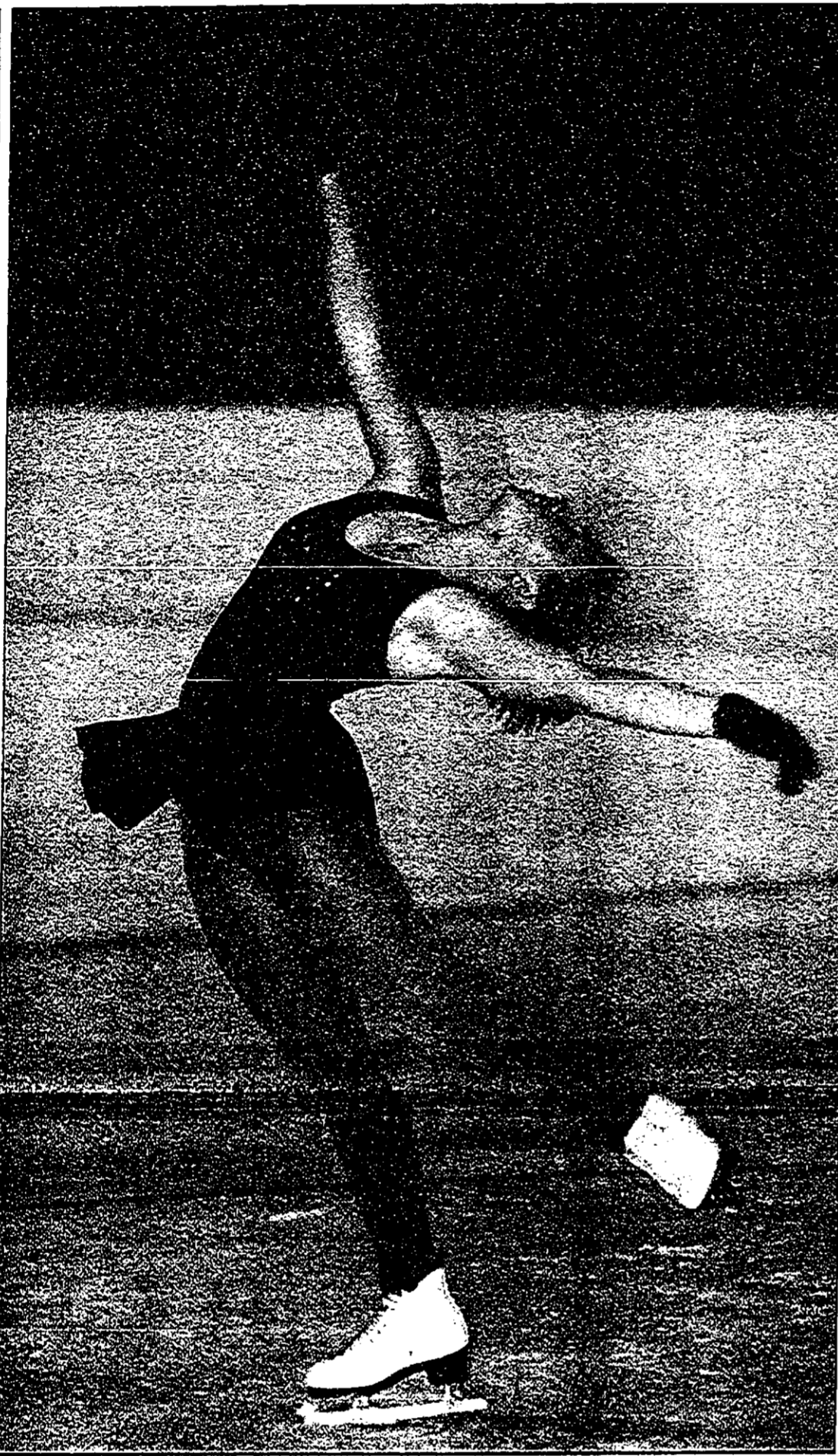
But twelve years after 11-month-old Kaylei Burns choked to death on a plastic ice cube, her father Gary Lee Burns was found guilty of voluntary manslaughter in that death.

"We're pleased that after so many years of the defendant living a lie, that he was held accountable for his actions," Assistant Oakland County Prosecutor said Gregory Townsend.

After several weeks of testimony, a jury spent two days in deliberation before returning a guilty verdict Dec. 10 in Oakland County Circuit Court. The jurors were given a choice between second degree murder, voluntary manslaughter or involuntary manslaughter.

Burns remains free on bond.

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Alison MacDonald goes into a spin at the Novi Ice Arena. The skater has Olympic goals.

Olympic dreams
 Local skater eyes 2002 winter games

By B.J. HAMMERSTEIN
 Staff Writer

Northville High School junior Alison Leslie MacDonald, like most high school students, spends time hanging out with her friends, listening to music and doing homework.

But that is where many of the similarities end.

MacDonald is a member of the United States Figure Skating Association and has dreams of competing in the Winter Olympic games in just a few years.

"My goal is to skate in the 2002 Olympics," MacDonald said.

"Hopefully I will be there winning the gold medal."

Living in the Dunbarton Pines subdivision in Novi with her parents Bill and Leslie and her younger sister Kate, it was at an early age when MacDonald first learned to skate.

"My father was coaching ice hockey and I always wanted to be a hockey player," she said.

But her future on ice took a three-turn.

By capturing the figure skating silver medal in the Senior Ladies' Free

Skating competition at the 2000 Eastern Great Lakes Regional Figure Skating Championships in Huntsville, Ala., MacDonald qualified to compete in the 2000 Midwestern Sectional Championships held this past weekend at the Detroit Skating Club in Bloomfield Hills.

Competing against 14 other skaters, MacDonald placed seventh, which means she will go back into the training season now, working on perfecting different jumps and her routine.

As part of the USFSA, which is the governing body that controls all amateur figure skating in the country, MacDonald was one of 14 girls who competed at the Mid-

ICE SHOW

See Alison MacDonald skate this weekend.

The Novi Ice Arena in conjunction with the Skating Club of Novi will be hosting their second annual Winter Exhibition. Skaters that train at the Novi Ice Arena will be skating to their favorite Christmas music. The exhibition will be held on Saturday, Dec. 18 at 1 p.m. Admission is \$1.

western section of the competition.

If MacDonald had placed in the top four at the Midwestern sectional, she would have competed with 12 more girls from across the nation at the U.S. Championships, to be held in Cleveland next year.

Skaters from the U.S. Championships are invited to compete in the World Championships and the Olympic Games.

As a tot, MacDonald would first see ice time when her father would let her skate after his hockey practices.

At only three years old, she joined the Livonia Ice Arena Learn-to-Skate program and found a passion for skating which soon led to figure skating.

With her first lessons being from Bev Griffin at the Livonia Ice Arena, MacDonald next moved to the Plymouth Cultural Center where she was coached by Susan and Brandon Smith.

When MacDonald was 11, she began training at the Detroit Skating Club, her home rink, under

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Novi Ice Arena starts to shave down its deficit

By JEREMY MCBAIN
 Staff Writer

City officials are now saying the Novi Ice Arena had a \$350,000 financial loss, not a deficit, and its financial problems are slowly diminishing.

According to a recent financial report issued by the Novi Parks and Recreation Department and the Finance Department, the arena had a \$350,000 loss as of July.

The report detailed the finances of the arena during the first month of Suburban Arena Management's control and revealed Suburban earned a \$20,000 profit in its first month.

"Things are going well, I am happy to say."

Tom Anastas,
 President of Suburban Hockey

"Things are going well, I am happy to say," said Suburban President Tom Anastas.

According to Novi Finance Director Kathy Smith-Roy, the cumulative deficit of the arena as of Oct. 31 was \$128,000. During a

budgeting session last year, the arena's accumulated deficit was estimated at \$350,000.

However, this was a misstatement and should have been explained as a loss and not a deficit, Smith-Roy said.

When the ice arena was first opened, it had \$405,000 in revenue from bonds, Smith-Roy explained.

"The ice arena was in existence since the day we got approval of the bonds from a financial standpoint," she said.

In a Novi City Council budget session in May, it was discovered the Novi Ice Arena lost \$359,000. This still left \$46,000 in revenue at the end of that fiscal year, Smith-Roy further explained.

Before management was finally assumed by Suburban, the city lost another \$174,000 in the ice arena leaving a deficit of \$128,000, Smith-Roy said.

The deficit is being turned around by Suburban, as seen with its \$20,000 profit for its first month, she added.

Parks and Recreation Department director Dan Davis said Suburban's profit on 21

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Chef Scott Swamba displays a porcini and chantrelle mushroom dish.

Chef's career is really cookin'

By CHRIS C. DAVIS
 Copy Editor

If Scott Swamba approaches your table and asks if you enjoyed your meal, tell him the truth.

The 26-year-old culinary arts whiz values opinions. But be warned: there's not much he'll make that won't win rave reviews.

Swamba is the executive sous chef — the second in command of the kitchen — at West Bloomfield's La Difference. The path to the kosher restaurant was long and winding, but for Swamba, the wait was well worth it.

"The payoff in this job is seeing people come in to the restaurant who are well-traveled and well-versed in quality dishes and seeing them leave here feeling true satisfaction," he said.

"That's the reward."

Swamba figured from an early age that food was his calling. A resident of No-ville (that funny little parcel of land around Nine Mile and Center Street that is split between Novi and Northville), Swamba got his start in cooking at age 12, when he worked as a dishwasher at Juan Carlos. The work was arduous and certainly more than a little messy, but it beat the alternatives, Swamba said.

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The Log Book

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Novi Meadows moves along

Both students and faculty at Novi Meadows are going through a time of transition, but the school's construction projects are moving along according to plans.

There will be a new heating system, new ceiling tile, redesigned classrooms — there are going to be a lot of great changes.

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Police News

A 19-year-old Novi man was assaulted Saturday night around 2 a.m. when the suspect, a 19-year-old Farmington Hills man, floored his vehicle and tried to run the Novi man down.

Novi Briefs

Santa Claus will be at the Novi Ice Arena for open skating on Sunday, Dec. 19 from 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Children of all ages are invited to skate along.

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Twelve Oaks hit by jewel thieves

While Novi police were investigating a case in which a man stole \$87,000 worth of jewelry from a display case at Artisan Jewelers in Twelve Oaks Mall, investigators learned to yet another jewel thief in Twelve Oaks, for which two Ohio men are charged.

Police said Eric Page, 43, and Present Walters, 36, both of Warren, Ohio, are thought to be part of a loosely organized crime gang based out of Cleveland.

Both men were arrested Thursday, Dec. 9, after the theft of a ladies' diamond ring valued at \$18,000 from Bailey Banks and Bode.

According to police, one suspect obstructed the store's view while the other swapped the ring with a smaller ring containing a cubic zirconium. Police said the Cleveland gang has been robbing jewelry stores in the Detroit metropolitan area and upon these investigations, Page and Walters were developed as leads.

It was during a traffic stop at Farmington Hills when the officers contacted the SONIC team, a surveillance team composed of officers from Novi, Farmington Hills and the

West Bloomfield Township police departments.

The SONIC team, along with a Michigan State Police surveillance team, placed both suspects under observation, which later resulted in an arrest.

The men were arraigned Monday in the Novi 52d District Court on retail fraud and habitual offender charges. Police said further investigation has revealed the suspects are responsible for thefts of diamonds in Roseville, Madison Heights and Livonia.

While the two men have been arrested,

police are still looking for a man who stole jewelry from Artisan Jewelers on Dec. 4.

Described as a black male with a light complexion and a thin build, thin mustache and wearing a brown jacket and blue jeans — the suspect exited Twelve Oaks Mall in a small white vehicle, possibly being a Saturn or Chevrolet Cavalier.

The attached composite drawing is a sketch of the subject from the theft at Artisan Jewelers. Anyone with information on identifying the subject is asked to call Detective Kevin Hebert at (248) 347-0548.



Police composite of suspect.

Northville plans Y2K family fun

BY ANDREW DIETDERICH
Staff Writer

Northville Parks and Recreation plans to make sure many Northville families are Y2K compliant when it comes to having a great New Year's Eve.

The department has organized the third annual Northville Nite for the big evening and tickets are available.

Daniel McGuire Jr., recreation program supervisor for Northville Parks and Recreation and coordinator of the event, said this year's Northville Nite should be bigger than ever.

"The first year we had 400 people and last year we had 600," he said. "This year we should have at least 800."

The event will be 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Northville High School. McGuire said there will be so many events at this year's party, it would be impossible to get to every single thing.

For example, there will be inflatable Twister, inflatable Operation, two moon walks, a velcro wall, face painting, family pictures, a craft workshop, an open gym and open swimming pool equipped with a lifeguard.

Additionally, dinner will be served with grilled chicken breast, rice pilaf, salad bar and vegetable for parents and hot dogs, macaroni and cheese, salad bar and desert for children.

The event is presented by the Northville Parks and Recreation department, Northville Youth Assistance and Oak Pointe Church. It's sponsored by Oak Pointe Church, Northville High School SADD, the Northville Drug-free grant fund, and Century 21 Town and Country.

A seven-member committee put the program together.

McGuire said the event gives families a great opportunity to have a fun year's eve without a lot of hassle.

"Families can go out, have a good time and be home by midnight," McGuire said.

Tickets for Northville Nite 1999 are on sale at the Northville Parks and Recreation, 303 W. Main St. Monday through Friday 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The cost is \$13 for adults and \$8 for children with the cost of the tickets going towards the cost of this year's event. Any excess funds will go toward next year's event, McGuire said.

More information may be obtained by calling Northville Parks and Recreation at (248) 349-0203.

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Obituaries

BARBARA H. ALLISON
Barbara H. Allison, 57, died Dec. 10 in Novi, where she resided.
She was born Oct. 17, 1942, in Anguilla, Miss., to her late parents, Oscar and Virian Smith.
Mrs. Allison was employed as a technician for 12 years at Whisler Automation Corp. of Novi, formerly the Stanley Door Co. She moved in 1971 from Detroit to the Novi community. Her memberships included Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Northville Township, where she was a member of the New Covenant Sunday School class, and the International Iron Workers Union. She enjoyed old movies, singing, family reunions in Mississippi, and collecting antiques, mainly printer trays.
She is survived by her husband of 35 years, Gary of Novi; daughters, Lynn of Novi and Laura of Northville; son, Matthew of Novi; brother, Clifton (Lynn) Smith of Dallas, Texas; sister, Marilyn Smith of Denver, Colo.; and granddaughter, Sarah Allison of Novi.
In addition to her parents, Mrs. Allison was preceded in death by a brother, Robert Martin Smith.
Services were conducted on Sunday, Dec. 12 at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, with the Rev. Neil Ellison and the Rev. Tim Franklin officiating.
Arrangements were made by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home of Plymouth.
Memorials to Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48167 or the University of Michigan Cancer Center, 1500 E. Medical Drive, Ann Arbor, Mich. 48109 would be appreciated by the family.

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Rapping 'bout the millennium

Novi High School teenagers share their spin on Y2K

By B.J. HAMMERSTEIN
 Staff Writer

The year 2000. Mystery surrounds the magical event from uncertainty about the New Year's Eve celebration to what will happen on the day after — the millennium lingers in everybody's mind.

As people prepare for what promises to be a significant event in one form or another, some Novi High School students shared their thoughts on what they are going to do at this moment in history and what they think about all the hype.

As a member of the Class of 2000, Jason Perras said his goals for the New Year's will be to remember the evening.

"I don't have any specific plans yet," Byron said.

"There are a couple of big parties planned up north but if there is nothing going on, I'll just drive down here."

Junior Dana Moore is going to be in Miami dancing during the half-time show of the Orange Bowl.

As a member of the Mid-American



Dana Moore Jason Perras Courtney Byron Kim Thompson

of the era of the Jetsons.

"I also thought there was going to be flying cars and steaks in the form of pills," Goldsmith said.

"Now I realize Jan. 1 is going to be just another day in the life."

And others say enough of all this.

"New Year's has been built up to be such a great big thing," Moore added.

"I am sick of hearing about Y2K. The most exciting thing about this is being able to live through the millennium change."

And as the notable nineties comes to a close, the students thought about the last 10 years would be remembered.

"The Nineties are about diversity," Goldsmith said.

"People listen to different kinds of music and dress differently."

And with many students dressing down to their knees, the students agreed that it was a diverse decade.

"There were just a lot of different phases and styles," Perras said.

"That's why they saved the best for last."

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Bills require safer needles for medical employees

By Mike Malott
 HomeTown News Service

Working for a doctor or in a dentist's office might not sound like a dangerous occupation, but health care employees may be putting their lives at risk every time they inject out a hypodermic to give an injection or draw blood.

A mere prick to the finger from that needle, after being used on a patient, could transmit diseases like HIV or Hepatitis B or C. According to state Rep. David Woodward, D-Madison Heights, there are 20 incurable "blood-borne pathogens" that could be transmitted to a doctor, nurse or dentist through a needle stick injury.

The Center for Disease Control estimates that some 600,000 needle stick injuries occur across the nation each year, yet less than 15 percent of hospitals and medical facilities use safety needles, designed to reduce the risk of stick injuries and already available on the market today.

Woodward and Rep. Paul DeWeese, R-Williamston, are proposing legislation to mandate that medical offices in Michigan switch to safety needles. Woodward explained that the cheapest of these devices simply have a retractable guard that moves to cover the needle after the injection is finished.

Rather than mandate which device be used, DeWeese said the bills would create a panel under the state Department of Community Health to review safety needles available on the market and list those acceptable for use in Michigan.

The bills are sure to be popular with hospital nurses, whose unions and associations have been advocating the switch to the safer needles. But hospital administrators are concerned with the cost of the new regulation, DeWeese explained.

"Obviously, there is a cost versus benefit factor to everything," said Donald Potter, president of the Southeast Michigan Hospital Council. "If we are going to have a risk free world, that does not come without a cost."

According to Woodward, the cost of safety needles comes to about 20 cents per needle. While that may not sound like much, DeWeese pointed out that hospitals use needles in very high volumes.

Woodward said that the costs of treating a health care employee who has suffered a needle stick injury is very high as well. Once stuck, the worker must be monitored through the use of blood tests every six months for several years to determine if some disease has been passed. Each blood test costs \$500, he said.

Both bills have been referred to the House Committee on Health Policy. DeWeese said the bills will likely come up for a vote next year.

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Entertainer celebrates holidays

By MELANIE PLEUDA
Staff Writer

Entertainer Tim Louis already knows how he will spend Christmas.

After he trains his tree he will light his menorah, and set his dinner table with dried ears of corn, all the while humming his favorite winter solstice song.

Louis shared his appreciation for the European, Jewish, African and Native American cultures in his Chautauqua Express "One World Holiday" program he did for Thornton Creek Elementary School students last year.

"I wanted to help the children celebrate people who were different than us by celebrating what we have in common," Louis said.

For over an hour Louis danced, sang and laughed with the students from Thornton Creek as he taught them the legends behind each of the major holiday celebrations: Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa and the Native American Winter Solstice. His seven-member band brims with him and 20 instruments, which students play to help them understand the cultures behind each celebration, he said.

"If they can feel like they can be a part of the joy and fun of the celebration, if they can touch the instruments, dance and sing, they are more receptive to the message of that culture," Louis said.

Louis has been a musician for 15 years and said he got his start teaching and singing for children in college. After his college group disbanded Louis said he discovered the love of entertainment and teaching children. He said he then formed his own traveling musical show based on a form of entertainment that was around at the turn of the century.

"Some students are exposed to music in a class and come away with the feeling that it is boring. I really want to teach them the fun and creative side of music," Louis said.

Louis's entertainment and education program is nothing new. They are based on Chautauques, which were traveling shows with troupes that would set up under large tents to offer various types of entertainment and educational performances. Chautauques were largely found in North America and were sources of cultural enrichment, local color and news and information from abroad.

Louis's Chautauqua Express is a revival of this form of entertainment. He is supported not only by the e Michigan Touring Arts, but also by the Wolf Trap Institute in Washington D.C. He said he emphasizes audience interaction and participation.

At Thornton Creek, students who smiled big, were quiet and all the way down, were chosen to be a part of the show. Louis would ask them questions about the different holidays, which would segue way into a song or dance that included the students.

Some students learned how to play the Louis's assortment of percussion instruments, while others strummed an African Kora and shook Native American percussion sticks.

"I liked that he let us play the instruments because even if you don't know how to play it you can still try," second grader Joshua Behmer, 7, said.

The program culminated in all of the students either playing an instrument or joining in a chant for Africa to illustrate a Kwanzaa celebration. Even principal Cheryl Johnson got in on the excitement and danced with the children.

"Again this is helping them learn their core democratic values by teaching them about diversity. The kids are really enjoying themselves and learning at the same time," she said.

Louis said he has a number of programs, including an American musical tour, African-American musical influences, an Environmental Show, as well as many others. He said he designed this holiday show by taking portions of other shows and putting them together.

"You know you go into a school, and you can't sing about Jesus anymore and there are only so many times you can sing about Rudolph and Santa before everyone gets bored. This way I thought it would be much more interesting for everyone," he said.

More information regarding the Chautauqua Musical Express can be obtained by calling 1-800-377-7113.

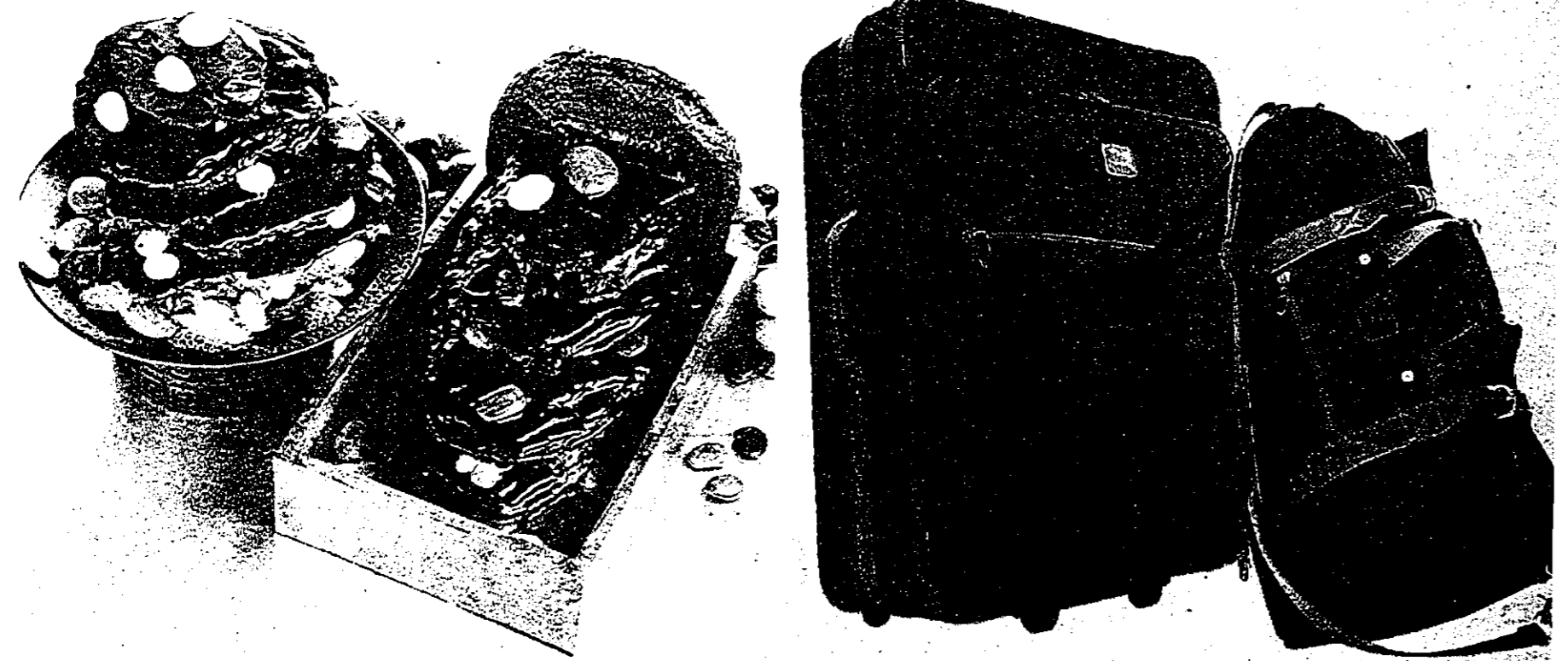
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With foot-stomping appreciative kids dancing to his drumming, Guy Louis, right, brings his Chautauqua Music Express program to Thornton Creek Elementary School last week. Incorporating many differing ethnic musical styles, Guy showed the students and faculty how the winter solstice is celebrated. Here, with a "talking drum," he is highlighting the African harvest holiday of Kwanza.

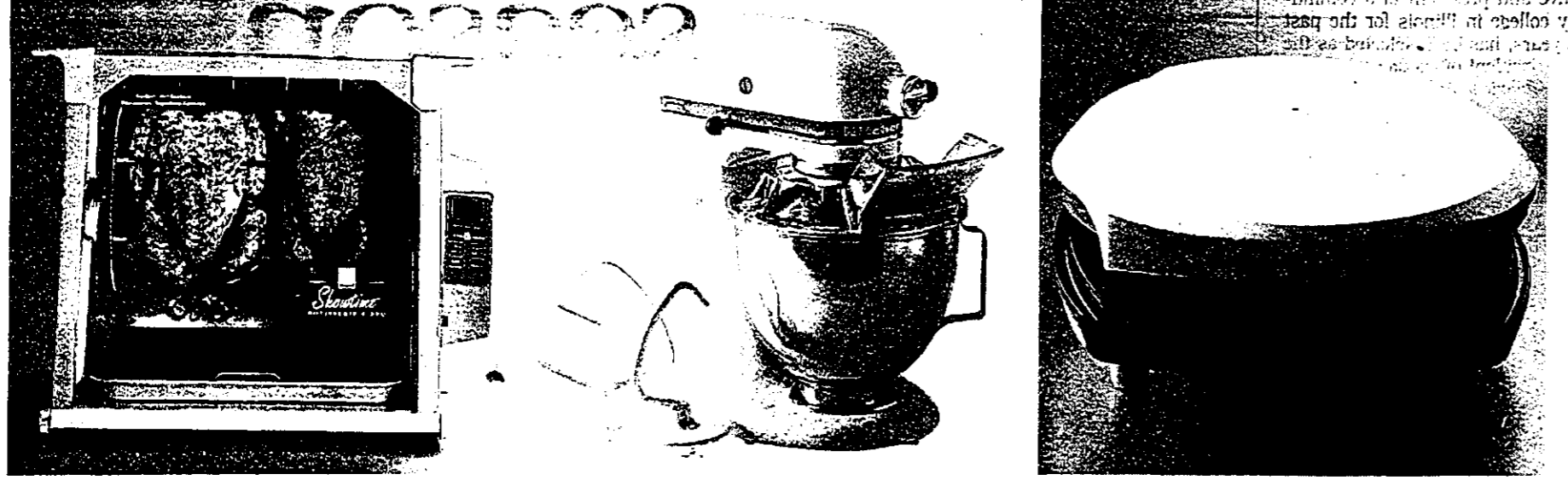
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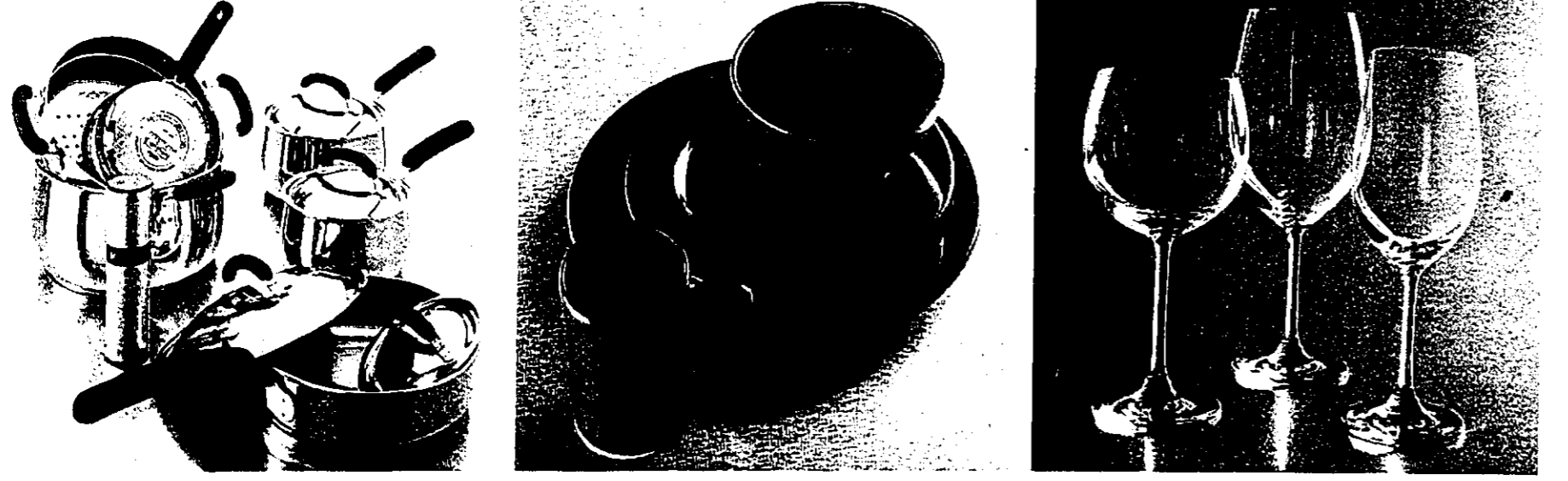
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Novi resident and chef Scott Swamba sautees salmon.

Vive La Difference

Chef's cooking style is really kosher

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"What were my choices? I could either have a lemonade stand or deliver papers. I wasn't too interested in doing either one of those things," Swamba said.

"I was sort of the grunt labor." So dish washing it was. But for all the used plates and glasses he helped clean, Swamba also had some time to observe cooks in action and made mental notes along the way about how the kitchen hands made the meals people ordered.

As time went on, Swamba jumped restaurants and worked at both Northville's MacKinnon's and Crawford's. It was at Crawford's that Swamba got his first real introduction into food preparation. It happened when one of the regular cooks called in sick, forcing management at the former Northville eatery to enlist Swamba's help.

"It was something relatively simple, if I remember," Swamba said. "A sandwich or a salad or something like that. But the big thing

was getting the experience. I loved it."

Swamba continued bouncing around restaurants through his years attending Northville High School and began working at Meadowbrook Country Club after graduating. He said he wanted to wait and save some money so he could begin attending Schoolcraft College's School of Culinary Arts, one of the most well-regarded such places in the country.

Swamba said he was put to the test at Schoolcraft, sharpening his skills to the point where he was able to participate with his classmates at several national culinary arts competitions and managed to win a host of medals for dishes he helped prepare.

"The competitions were probably the best part about going [to Schoolcraft], Swamba said.

"We'd spend all morning long practicing and practicing the dishes until we finally got everything right."

His talents didn't go unnoticed, and after graduating from Schoolcraft in July, Swamba spent time working at the Ritz Carlton in Dearborn and The Farm Restaurant in Port Austin. He's been at La Difference for a few months now.

The restaurant specializes in high-quality kosher dishes, prepared according to Jewish custom. At La Difference, Swamba works as the executive sous chef.

"A lot of people hear the term 'kosher food' and think of potato pancakes or matzo balls, but that's just the traditional side of the foods," Swamba said.

"We specialize in fresh fish and vegetable dishes here."

Swamba said he spends a good portion of his time reading trade publications and professional journals, seeking new methods of preparing foods. All of that is done, he said, in the hope of living out his ultimate dream - to become a certified master chef. Only 55 CMCs work in the United States.

"About 15 years ago, people heard 'chef' and it didn't really mean much," he said. "More recently, people have been paying

more careful attention to the title and it carries a great deal more value than it once did."

Swamba said he truly enjoyed cooking and the culinary arts, despite the long evening hours, lack of weekend time off and almost certain job responsibilities he has on holidays.

"You really have to love this job," he said. "I do. I look forward to coming in here and doing what I do."

About the only time Swamba said he didn't enjoy cooking was at the end of the day.

"I'm pretty burned out by the time I get home," he joked.

"I think I'll be asking my wife to help me out at home in the kitchen a fair amount."

La Difference is located at 7295 Orchard Lake Road. For more information, call (248) 932-8934.

Northville looks at expansion of historic Rural Hill Cemetery

BY ANDREW DIETDERICH
Staff Writer

City of Northville and Northville Township officials literally are taking up a grave issue.

City officials are considering a possible expansion of Rural Hill Cemetery on the south end of the cemetery into open land in Northville Township.

If the expansion doesn't happen, Jim Gallogly, City of Northville department of public works director, said the amount of space left in the cemetery could fill within just a few years.

"It would be really tough for the whole area," he said.

"People would have to go to private areas in surrounding communities like Livonia or South Lyon."

Today, about 200 grave sites are available in the cemetery, however, about 100 sites sell annually.

Gallogly said the city wants to expand onto six acres south of the southernmost border of the cemetery. The expansion, which would include new roads and knocking down trees among other things, would expand the life of the cemetery by between 30 and 50 years.

Gallogly said the project would cost at least \$100,000. If everything goes as planned, work on the project would begin late in the summer of 2000.

However, the township must approve the expansion and Gallogly said neighbors might not like the idea of the expansion.

"The public hearings for this issue should be kind of hot," he said.

Gallogly said he's been told the township will hold a public hearing on the expansion in the early part of 2000.

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O.C.C. chooses president

By Mike Malott
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Dr. Norman Stephens, a Chicago native and president of a community college in Illinois for the past six years, has been selected as the new president of Oakland Community College's Auburn Hills campus.

Named to the position Monday evening, Dec. 13, by the OCC Board of Trustees in a 6-0 vote, Stephens will take over the post effective Jan. 4. He will take over from Gordon May, who has served as the interim president for the past year and half. May will take a sabbatical to pursue his doctorate at Wayne State University.

Stephens, 56, has been president of Lincoln Land Community College in Springfield, Illinois since 1993. Prior to that, he was the vice president of academic services. Additional experience includes three years as the campus provost and vice president at Hillsborough Community College in Florida and nine years as a science instructor, dean and vice president at St. Petersburg Junior College in Florida.

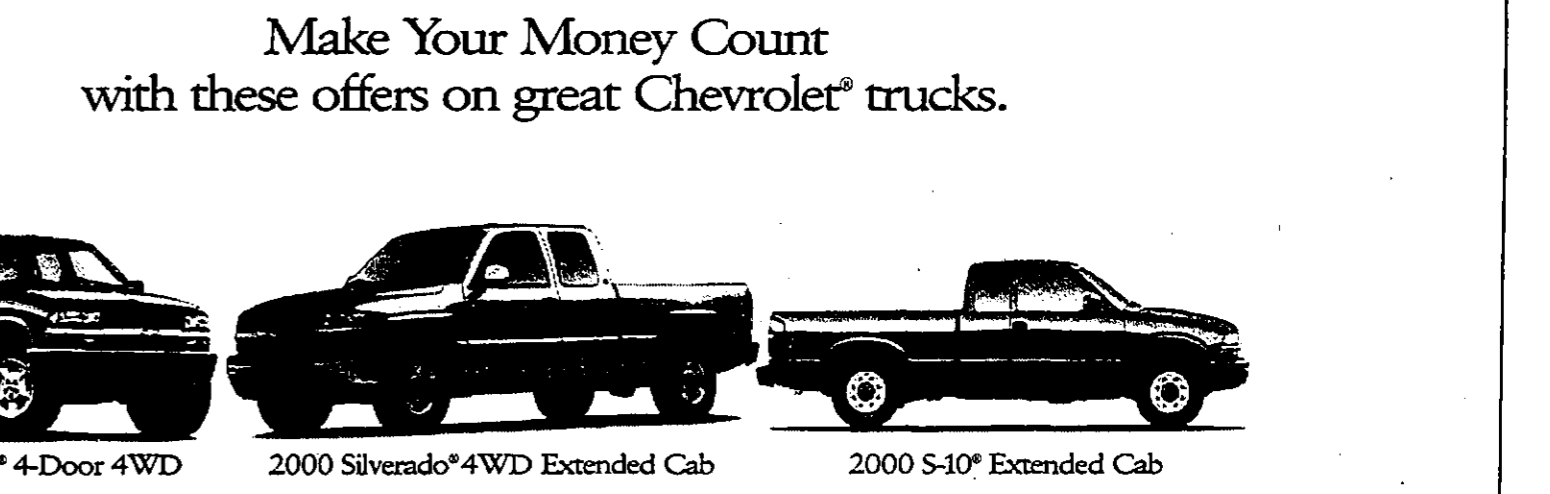
Stephens has an Ed.D. degree from the University of Florida, which he received in 1971. He earned his masters and bachelor's degrees at the University of Florida in 1967 and 1965 respectively.

He has won numerous honors from civic organizations, including the Outstanding Community Service Award in 1977, '78 and '79 from the United Way of Pinellas County in Florida and the National Multiple Sclerosis Society's Leadership Award in 1998.

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Photos by JOHN HEDDER



Take extra precautions if you've got to shovel snow

The American Heart Association suggests that the decision to shovel snow should not be made lightly. Shoveling snow might be one of the most strenuous activities some people will ever attempt. Lifting a shovel full of snow tremendously increases the heart's workload. It's natural for the blood vessels to temporarily narrow in cold weather. Too much strain on the heart during these conditions could cause a heart attack.

Dr. Barry Franklin, director of Cardiac Rehabilitation at William Beaumont Hospital has some information that might make you think before you pick up that shovel. "Several years ago, researchers found that the heart rate and blood pressure responses to shoveling heavy wet snow often approached and exceeded the same responses during maximum exercise testing. And, within two minutes, most subjects had already exceeded their upper heart rate limit for aerobic exercise training."

According to The American Heart Association, anyone who chooses to shovel should take precautions:

- Warm up before you begin to shovel.
- Pace your work and take frequent periods of rest.
- Lift small, rather than large loads of snow.
- Refrain from consuming large meals before and after shoveling.
- Do not consume alcohol, caffeine, or use tobacco before or after shoveling.
- Avoid inhaling cold air by wearing a breathing mask or muffler.
- Protect exposed areas of the body from frostbite, another snow shoveling risk.

In persons who are normally inactive, with known or hidden heart disease, snow shoveling can trigger heart attacks and even sudden cardiac death. People who are most at risk are men and women over 40 years of age with a history of heart disease or symptoms that suggest a cardiac problem. They include angina, palpitations or dizziness. Also at risk are those people with one or more of the major coronary risk factors (cigarette smoking, high blood pressure, elevated blood cholesterol, or a sedentary lifestyle). For these people, the best solution is not to shovel at all.

The American Heart Association stresses, knowing the signs of a heart attack and getting to the hospital immediately can save your life. If you have any of these signs, get help fast.

- Uncomfortable pressure, fullness, squeezing or pain in the center of the chest lasting for more than a few minutes.
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For more information, contact your nearest American Heart Association or call 1-800-242-8721.

Marketing students learn value of charitable work

By B.J. HAMMERSTEIN Staff Writer

Novi High School juniors Lindsey Drake and Kim Thompson are busy selling balloons and collecting donations for stuffed animals.

The high school students are testing their entrepreneurial instincts not to earn money for spring break, but rather for a charitable school project.

As part of the DECA program at Novi High School, a national student organization for students interested in careers in marketing, management and merchandising, Drake and Thompson are helping raise funds for the Children's Miracle Network. This is part of a national charitable effort, the Civic Consciousness Project, 2000.

"We are raising money that will go to local hospitals to help people with medical expenses and equipment," Thompson said.

"We sell balloons during lunches and we are asking a minimum donation of \$5 for the stuffed animals. All the money goes to charity."

The DECA organization at Novi High was launched during the 1997-1998 school year by Michael Akouri.

Currently directed by marketing teacher and advisor Amy Kolesar, DECA now has 48 members in the year-long program.

Kolesar said with categories including vehicles and petroleum, apparel and accessories and full-service restaurant management, students are encouraged to choose business areas that they are interested in pursuing as careers.

"DECA gives the students involvement in activities that allow them to explore different areas of marketing," Kolesar said.

"I am proud of the students for all of their involvement and time donated. They support each other and have helped raise social consciousness among themselves and the community."

Amy Kolesar, DECA teacher

This year Kolesar hopes more of her students will have the opportunity to participate in the national competition, including Drake and Thompson for the work they have done with generating funds for the Children's Miracle Network.

Susan Cusick, Novi Community Credit Union vice president of community development, said the credit union and Novi High have had an educational partnership over the years which has recently expanded to the DECA students.

Cusick said the Children's Miracle Network was part of the Civic Consciousness Project, 2000, which has a diversity of programs that will help children while dispersing the funds locally.

"We have prepared a marketing concept on how we are approaching the sales of the balloons and stuffed animals," Drake said.

"There are flyers posted around the school, we worked with the school newspaper, sent out announcements and now the Novi News. This is something we're really interested in doing and it's a good charity."

Kolesar said the Novi High DECA organization has really supported the efforts of Drake and Thompson during their fund raising drive.

"I am proud of the students for all of their involvement and time donated," Kolesar said.

"They support each other and have helped raise social consciousness among themselves and the community."

Kolesar said last year two students from Novi High qualified and made presentations at the national competition held in Orlando, Fla.

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Sen. Levin gives encouragement to Novi teachers

By B.J. HAMMERSTEIN

Michigan is behind in education technology, said U.S. Sen. Carl Levin, D-Detroit.

Levin's education committee last week passed legislation that would help teachers in the state use technology as an educational tool, he added.

"We were faced with the question of educational technology many years ago," Levin said. "Distance learning, software, hardware — there was a missing link everywhere. We got together in Lansing about one-and-a-half years ago and discussed numerous technology issues."

"There has been an effort for us to be supportive and make it possible for teachers to use technology," Levin said to Novi High School educators, teachers, students and some of the developers of the TFF program.

The TFF program was developed by Merit's Center to Support Tech-



Senator Carl Levin, right, and his state director Charles Wilbur, center, meet at Novi High School Thursday afternoon with regional educators to discuss their Teach for Tomorrow Internet learning initiative, which gives computer skills to area teachers.

niology in Education and includes an online course that trains a local facilitator to assist teachers with the Internet.

The TFF program was developed between September 1998 and June 1999, with the intent to develop an interactive, multimedia, online learning training program for K-12 educators and to pilot the use of the materials with a set of 25 local facilitators to 250 classrooms throughout Michigan.

At Novi High, Social Studies Department Chair Gary Kelly has just finished teaching the TFF program to 10 educators. Kelly said the course is part of an extended learning program through Central Michigan University and upon completion, students will earn three graduate hours of credit.

During the conference, a roundtable discussion was held enlightening Levin about the program and allowing people who have been exposed to TFF to share their experiences.

"There has been a lot of immediate application to what has been taught," Kelly said.

"This is the kind of technology we need in education."

Some of the subjects covered in the TFF course include: the best use of the Internet with students; developing bookmarks and web pages as teacher tools for instruction; learning and teaching search strategies; curriculum planning with the Internet; and learning and teaching web page authoring.

"What started out as something so abstract has become something so concrete," Levin said.

"When talking technology with students, you can see how the kids are fascinated and thrilled when using the computers — it is really exciting for them."

To learn more about Teach for Tomorrow visit the website at <http://www.tif.merit.edu>.

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12:30 p.m. — MDOT Today
1:00 p.m. — Study in Scripture
1:30 p.m. — AMVETS
2:00 p.m. — Restoration Now
2:30 p.m. — Dance With Virginia: Sam Dolls
3:00 p.m. — Imagination Tree: Christmas

3:30 p.m. — Longacre Holiday Program
4:00 p.m. — Critter Connection
4:30 p.m. — Community Connection
5:00 p.m. — Berean Baptist Church: Consecration
5:30 p.m. — (cont'd)
6:00 p.m. — Mountain Ski Series: Altitude
6:30 p.m. — 1 Remember: Virginia Dickerman
7:00 p.m. — Adventures With Pirate Pete
7:30 p.m. — Cosby and Company: Y2K Occasions
8:00 p.m. — Novi Street Beat: Holiday

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8:30 p.m. — Who, What, Where, Y
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THURSDAY, DEC. 23
10:00 a.m. — Fitness Motivators
10:30 a.m. — Consumer Corner: Slamming and Crumming
11:00 a.m. — Abundant Life Arabic Ministries
11:30 a.m. — People Who Make Things Happen: David Stover

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12:00 p.m. — Bagels and Talk With Tracy
12:30 p.m. — Iditarod
1:00 p.m. — (cont'd)
1:30 p.m. — That's Italian
2:00 p.m. — Novi Street Beat: M.A.D.D.
2:30 p.m. — Who, What, Where, Y
3:00 p.m. — Fitness Motivators
3:30 p.m. — Adventures Pirate Pete
4:00 p.m. — Movie Lovers Guide to Holiday Movies
4:30 p.m. — (cont'd)

5:00 p.m. — Novi Street Beat: Holiday Fire Safety
5:30 p.m. — Ribbons and Wreaths
6:00 p.m. — Sublim Glamour Christmas: It's Christmas Every Day of the Year
6:30 p.m. — (cont'd)
7:00 p.m. — Good News For Living: Healthy Depression
7:30 p.m. — (cont'd)
8:00 p.m. — People Who Make Things Happen: David Stover
8:30 p.m. — Longacre Holiday Program

FRIDAY, DEC. 24
10:00 a.m. — Let's Talk With Ben Marks
10:30 a.m. — (cont'd)
11:00 a.m. — Harvest Ministries
11:30 a.m. — Lunan Christi
12:00 p.m. — 6:30 p.m. — To Be Announced
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Men are not shopping fools



Andrew Dietrich

I should just give up now, before I even begin on Christmas shopping. My handicap isn't necessarily lack of money or time to shop either...

There are escapes for men clever enough to find them. The two places are the sporting goods stores and jewelry stores. The sporting goods stores are pretty obvious...

In Focus

By John Heider



Students from Meads Mill School hot walking candlelight in downtown Northville last week.

Songs of the season

One man's vote for best pizza



Chris Davis

More thoughts and random observations on life... For all the problems there are in Northville and Novi, I can honestly say there are few places you'll find that have such dedicated community leaders and civic organizations...

Dripping with cheese and a soft crust that almost melts in your mouth, there are few things that taste as good on a cold evening than hot pizza from Jet's... I took a survey of fourth grade students in Novi and Northville a few weeks back, asking them what sorts of gifts they'd most like to receive this holiday season...

Is Gov. Engler running out of gas?



Phil Power

The big political news last week was the legislature's failure to authorize charter schools, despite weeks of intensive arm twisting and foot stamping by Gov. John Engler.

Amazingly, the defeat was bipartisan. House Democrats have never been enthused by the charter school movement, though some reps from Detroit find them a better alternative than the public schools. Although most Republicans are ideologically pro-charter, the governor's key failure was to win over a handful of moderate GOP legislators...

But it hasn't quite worked out that way. Consider three examples. First was this fall's bungled attempt to clip the wings of Attorney General Jennifer Granholm...

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The reasons are compelling. After eight long years in office, all the good ideas a governor came in with are pretty much used up. Moreover, most of the bright people who had the good ideas have been drained dry after eight years and have gone on to better jobs outside state government.

Worst, after eight years as governor, an office abounding with perks and awash with sycophants, even the most balanced person will be under tremendous pressure to let it go to his/her head. The ancient Greeks called it "hubris," which my dictionary defines as "overbearing pride or presumption."

History endorses the "no third term under any circumstances" doctrine. William Milliken, perhaps Michigan's best loved former Governor, had a terrible time in his third term. Jim Blanchard simply ran out of gas at the end of his second term...

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To the Editor: Just thought you might be interested in a new version of the "Night Before Christmas"...

Had then out in the yard I heard such a beef I jumped up, got my gun to share of the thief...

The haze from pollution Blocked most of the moon's lights But I soon had the subject dead in my sights...

I woke with a start: All figures had gone away But the gifts left for us Still last 'til today...

We go to church every Sunday When we're not there we still

Letters

responsibility On faith, love, and life and the onward family... And we remember and honor the past - It's still important today...

Not the me I was now No, not tattered and worn But unspoiled, happy, secure Like the day I was born...

And I loved my country - We were all Americans, you see - And not just a collection Of every nationality...

It wasn't a truck of UPS And though his coat was red It wasn't a van either Of Federal express...

At their names called out I did hear - "On honor, on peace, on hope."

WETLANDS FINALLY CLEANED

To the Editor: Letter to Mayor Clark and council members: Finally, after almost 15 years, the wetland behind my house has been cleaned...

The bottom line: the wetland is finally clean. Now, let's proceed with the vacation of Ivy Leaf Walkway between Lots 45 and 46 in Idlemere Park Subdivision...

A BAGFUL OF CHARITY To the Editor: This involves both Novi and Northville...

I was doing my 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. stint as Salvation Army bell ringer Saturday, Dec. 11 in front of Great Harvest Bread Co. in Northville...

It was refreshing to finally have the situation resolved and within only

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Holding the items found at the Novi Toys R' Us location that they'd most like to receive this year are (front) Neil

Kollipara, (left to right) Lauren Farley, Melissa Moss, Josh Goings, Joseph Kinville and Amy Johnson, all fourth grade students.

What I REALLY want for Christmas is...

Fourth grade students let their imaginations run wild at Novi Toys R' Us

Note to Santa Claus: Pokemon is sultan of the stocking this holiday season, even though he'll be getting some stiff competition from video games and recreational equipment.

Those were the top three vote-getters in a survey taken of Northville and Novi fourth grade students. Students from Northville's Silver Springs, Thornton Creek and Winchester elementary schools cast their ballots, as did those from Novi's Parkview, Orchard Hills and Novi Woods.

Students were asked to list any three gifts they would most like to receive for a birthday or the holidays. Pokemon, the Japanese toy phenomenon that has followed in the footsteps of Ninja Turtles and Power Rangers, took home the most votes with 186.

But another Japanese icon, that of Nintendo Game Boy consoles, also got a strong response from students, with 108 fourth graders hoping to have the hand-held video game unit sometime soon.

Nipping at the heels of Game Boy was miscellaneous sports equipment at 107 votes. Lumped together in one category, students said they were keeping their fingers crossed for anything from soccer nets to pool tables to ice skates.

One student from each school that responded was selected to take a trip to the Novi Toys R' Us store, find the toy of their choice off the shelf, and tell why it was the gift they were most anxious to receive.

Josh Goings, a student at Orchard Hills, grabbed hold of a Tyco radio control car.

"It's like driving without a license," Goings said. "You can control everything they do. It's really neat."

Goings said he preferred gym class at school and was looking forward to the holidays.

For Lauren Farley at Parkview Elementary, the answer to her wishes came in the form of a Nintendo 64, the highest-ranking stationary video game console of the students polled. She said she already owned another video game system, so why an N64?

"It's different," she said. "This system is more popular."

Farley, who said she wanted to be an artist when she grew up, said several of her friends already owned a Nintendo 64, which was a big

part of the reason she was hoping to see the system under the tree this year.

The Scrabble board game was the item Melissa Moss at Novi Woods found in the store. The proud owner of a Winnie the Pooh doll and aspiring future first woman president of the United States, Moss said her reasons for selecting the game were simple.

"I couldn't find anything else I really wanted," she said.

Joseph Kinville needed to wait some time before he took advantage of his holiday gift — a junior golf set. The Silver Springs Elementary student said he didn't mind the delay being able to use the item at the top of his wish list.

His favorite sport wasn't golf, though. "I like baseball a lot," he said.

Amy Johnson could be happy her favorite item was on the shelves this year. Her favorite toy, the Furby, was the toy to have for the holiday season in 1998. She said she always wanted a Furby, but the mad rush to find the jibbering critters a year ago didn't allow that to happen.

Last but not least was Neil Kollipara, whose Super Shootout electronic basketball game was a bit bulky to carry through the aisles, but was nonetheless the thing he was hoping to have at his home this year.

"It's fun because you can practice shooting all year long," said the Winchester Elementary student. "I love playing basketball."

Shoppers beware: there are only nine more shopping days until Christmas.



Neil Kollipara casts his eyes to the top of the Toys R' Us display shelves, searching for "the" item. He finally settled on an indoor electronic basketball game.

NOVI / NORTHVILLE TOP TEN

Here's what fourth grade students in Novi and Northville said they'd most like to receive this holiday season.

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|--------------------|------------------------------|
| 10. Beanie Babies | 5. Cat / dog |
| 9. Dolls | 4. Nintendo 64 |
| 8. Stuffed animals | 3. Misc. sports equipment |
| 7. Computer | 2. Game Boy consoles / games |
| 6. Books | 1. Pokemon |

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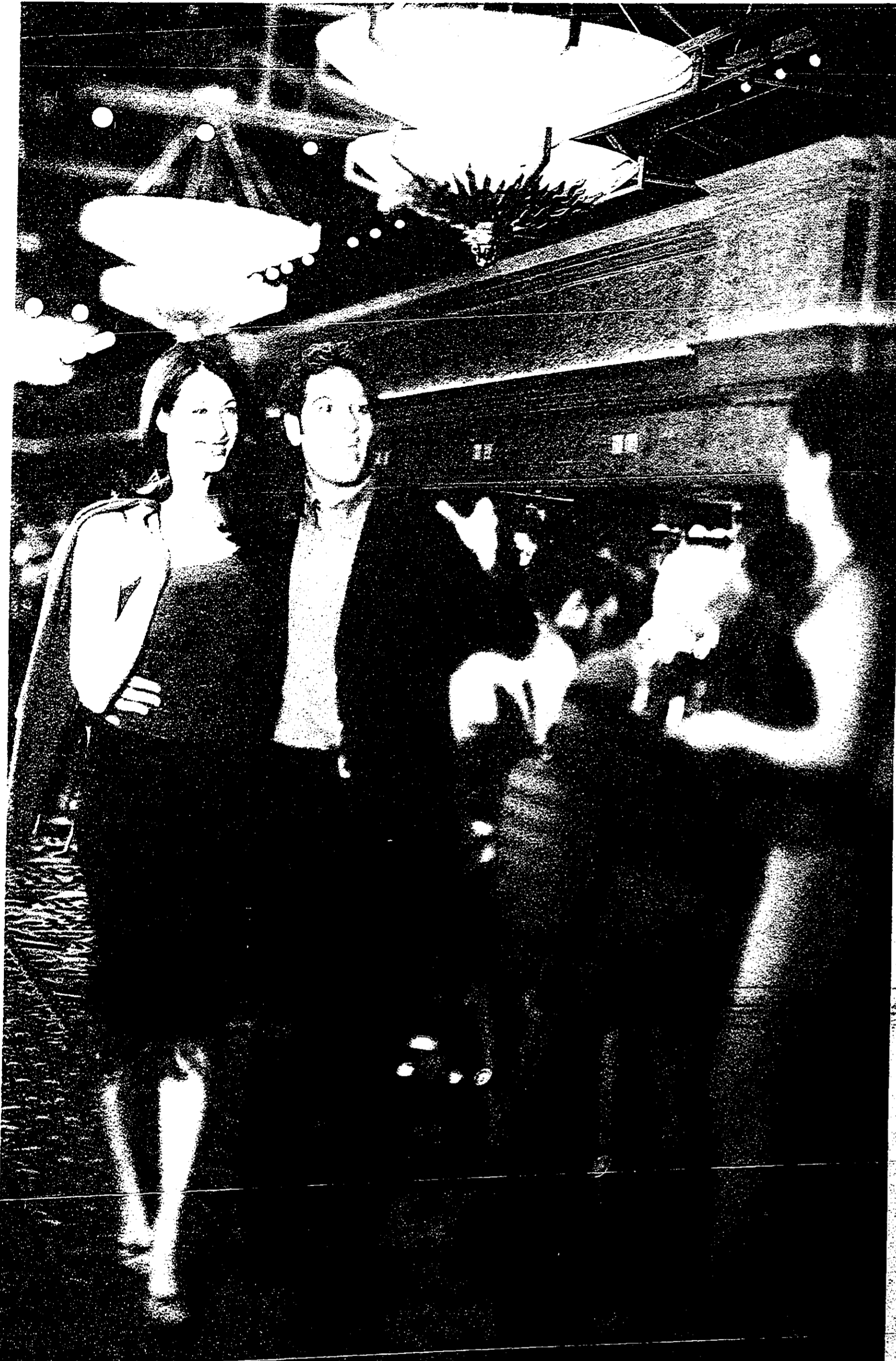
Here's what elementary students across the country said they'd most like to receive this holiday season, in no particular order.

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| • Deer Hunter Electronic Skeet Shoot | • Rayman 2 |
| • Nerf Wildfire Automatic Blaster | • Pokemon |
| • Knockout Kings 2000 | • Mario Golf |
| • Laser Challenge Radar Extreme | • Arcadia Electronic Skeet Shoot |
| • Pac Man World | • Lego Mind Storms |
| • NBA 2K | • Ready To Rumble Boxing |
| • NFL Blitz 2000 | • Sonic Adventure |
| | • NFL 2000 |

ON THE FRINGE

Here are some of the wish list requests that could require a bit of additional effort to fulfill.

- Chicken liver
- 90 king-size Snickers bars
- An anaconda
- Swimming pool (6)
- Golf cart
- Three wishes
- Robot (8)
- Roller coaster
- Ear piercing
- Hot air balloon
- Amusement park in backyard (2)
- Sports car (5)
- To meet all former U.S. presidents
- To meet the late Shel Silverstein
- Jungle gym
- Trolley
- Castle (2)
- Private ice skating pond
- To own the world



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Reservations for the Tuesday, Dec. 21 chamber luncheon must be made by calling the chamber office, 349-3743, by Friday, Dec. 17. This year's holiday luncheon will be held at the DoubleTree Hotel, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Featured will be guest speaker Paul W. Smith, WJR-AM (760) radio personality and popular morning talk host. Smith was named "Michigan Personality of the Year" by the Michigan Association of Broadcasters and consistently ranks among America's Top 100 Most Important Radio Talk Show Hosts.

The program will also include a \$3,000 holiday shopping spree raffle drawing. Tickets are now on sale at \$100 each, with only 100 to be sold. They are available at the chamber office or from any chamber board member.

Other activities include asking for nominations for the 1999 Business Person of the Year. Results will be made in the near future.

Dates for the 2000 calendar include: Saturday, March 11, 5:30 p.m. at the Novi Hilton, Novi Chamber and Time Warner Cable will co-sponsor the eighth annual Charity Auction and dinner. The evening will include raffles and a silent live auction. Proceeds from the evening will benefit chamber activities.

The Michigan Chapter plus the Paralyzed Veterans of America. Deadline date for donations from businesses will be Feb. 11, 2000.

Thursday, Jan. 13, the annual Honors and Installation Banquet at Country Epicure, with Hon. Dennis Powers, 52nd District Court, as keynote speaker. Reservations must be in by Jan. 7, 2000.

NOVI SENIOR CENTER

Over 125 reservations were made for the recently-held annual Rotary luncheon presented by the Novi Rotary Club for all seniors in the area. The event was held at the new Novi Middle School located at the corner of Wixom and Eleven Mile Road.

Novi Highlights

NOVI CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Students are working hard on their Christmas musical program "A Hearty Yuletide Christmas." The program will start at 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 17 in the sanctuary of the First Baptist Church, located at the corner of East and Eleven Mile. The public is invited.

The program depicts a family's experience at Christmas time when they find out that Christmas is not just a time for presents, parties and candy, but rather a time to praise the Lord. Some musical selections in the program will be "Joy to the World," "Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Jesus," and "Christmas is the Time."

Director Albert Hodge and his newly-formed band of fourth through sixth graders will also participate in the evening's performance.

Grades four through six recently attended a Junior Convention held at Grove Christian School in St. Johns, where they competed with other Christian schools. Receiving awards were: Daniel Turner, first in science research and fourth in mixed duet; Rachel Turner, fourth in mixed duet; Kevin Nash, first in pen and ink; Autumn Manabe, third in pace bowl; Jodi Burdum, third in pace bowl; fourth in best and arrow; Hillary Hamilton, best in character trait picture; third in both pace bowl and water color; Tom Lopez, first in middle picture; third in pace bowl; fourth in science research; Christina Crockett, second in science research; Tom Smith, second in both Cheers and short story; Randy Smith, third in Cursive; Adam Zubovska received honorable mention for a ship drawing.

Monday, Dec. 20, students will take a field trip to Frankenmuth.

Novi Highlights is written by Jeanne Burke. Send your tips to editor for their inclusion for this column, call 624-0173.

Weddings



Cuda-Burke

Stacy Marie Cuda of Northville and Michael Paul Burke of New Hudson were married Sept. 18 at Northville Presbyterian Church in Farmington Hills. Pastor Mary Tashiro officiated the service.

The bride is the daughter of Allen and Ruthann Cuda of Northville and Ted and Shirley Cuda of Leona. The groom is the son of Christine and Vince Burke of New Hudson and Thomas Burke of Dearborn.

The bride is a graduate of Northville High School and is employed at Sterling Bank in Southfield. The groom is attending Eastern Michigan University and is employed at 103 in New Hudson.

The matron of honor was Amy Wilson. Bridesmaids were Alicia Lammom and Kelli Burke. The best man was Tim D'Amico. Groomsmen were Vincent Bodo and Anthony Verona. The couple honeymooned at Disney World.

Births



Maxwell Pelic

Maxwell Edw. a d Pelic was born Oct. 30 to Ed Pelic and Cheri Mason-Pelic of Northville. He weighed 7 pounds 14 ounces when he was born at the Family Birthing Center of Southfield.

Maxwell has one sibling, two-year-old Molly. The baby's grandparents are David Krom of Novi, the late Carol Krom of Novi, Ray and Evelyn Mason of Westland and Edward and the late Margaret Pelic of Howell. The baby's great-grandparents are Alice Krom and the late Hugh Krom of Huntington Woods.

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CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY 24555 Meadowbrook Rd. - Novi - 248-372-5500 Masses Sat 3 pm, Sun 7:30 am, 10:30 am, 12:30 pm, 7:30 pm Nov 2pm, 9 am, 10:30 am, 7:30 pm Father Andrew Czernicki, Assoc. Pastor Father Andrew Czernicki, Assoc. Pastor Parish Office 349-8347	FIRST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE 21920 Meadowbrook, Northville 348-7000 (between 8 & 9 Mile Rd. near Novi Hilton) Sunday 9:30 am, 11:00 am Morning Worship 11:00 am Discipleship Service 6:00 pm (women only) Dr. Carl M. Leth, Pastor
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Margit Erickson Etiquette

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Engagements

Shella Towne of Northville and Edward Kemp of Northville announce the engagement of their daughter, Sarah Renee...



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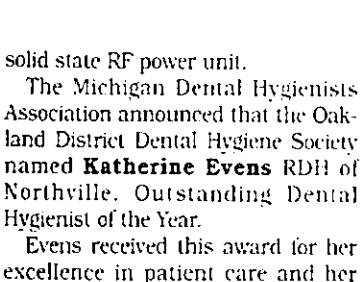
Community Events

The Northville Woman's Club will meet at 1:30 p.m. on Dec. 17 at First United Methodist Church of Northville...

The Novi Lions Club will be holding a joint Lion-Lioness holiday party on Dec. 17 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Business

Gary London has been admitted to the practice of real estate. He is associated with ERA Rymal Symes Realtors...



Gary London

Religion

Church of Northville will be holding a "Dinner and Jazz in the City" event on Dec. 18, beginning at 7:15 p.m.

NORTHVILLE Edward Cairns, business administration; Mary Patreid, accounting; Jessica Smokovitz, business administration; Judith Whelan, business administration...

ACT recently launched an expanded website for parents and workers. The new services were added to help reporters quickly find the information they need to complete their stories.

Sarah McKinney of Novi was among the members of the Homecoming Band who took first place in the large group competition of the 1999 Alma College Songfest.

With all the modern conveniences we use today, letter-writing has indeed become a lost art. For there appears when only a letter will do, why not write a gift card to you is one of them.

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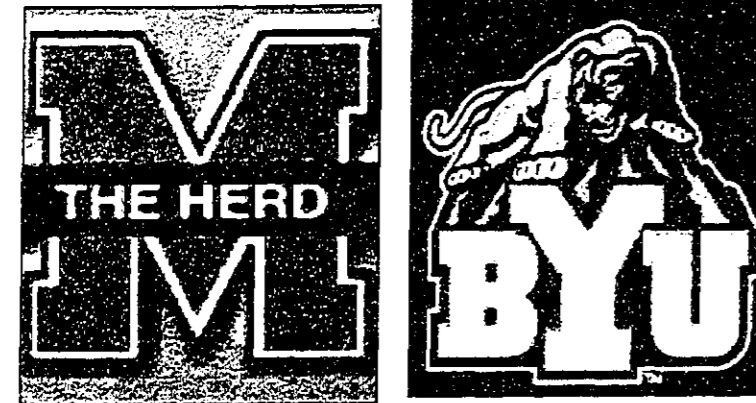
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Herd thunders to Motor City Bowl

BYU accepts bid to play MAC champions at Silverdome on Dec. 27

The Motor City Bowl stands for "Michigan's Winter Entertainment." The stadium, built last year as the home for the Detroit Tigers, will host their third annual bowl game on Dec. 27. The team, led by head coach Dennis Green, will play against the BYU Cougars. The game is expected to generate more revenue than any other single event in metro Detroit, save for the North American International Auto Show.



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Marshall is 1-1 at the Silverdome, narrowly losing to Ole Miss in 1997, followed by a defeat of Louisville last year. In its first year, some 50,000 spectators turned out for the Motor City Bowl — one of the largest crowds to ever come out for a debut bowl game. It also allowed fans the chance to see former Heisman candidate, now Minnesota Vikings wide receiver Randy Moss.

Kickoff for this year's game is slated for 1:30 p.m. It will be the first-ever meeting between Marshall and BYU. Tickets are on sale at TicketMaster, the Frattini Silverdome box office, and all 13 Mid-American Conference schools' athletic ticket offices.

Entertainment

- DEC. 16**
What: *GREY EYE* Games
Where: The Ark (316 S. Main, Ann Arbor)
When: 8 p.m.
Phone: (734) 761-1451
- What: *Sandpuppy*
Where: 5th Avenue Ballroom (25750 Novi Road, Novi)
When: Evening
Phone: (248) 735-4011
- DEC. 16-26**
What: "A Christmas Carol" stage performance
Where: Meadowbrook Theatre, Oakland University
When: Various times
Phone: (248) 377-3500
- DEC. 16-31**
What: "Forbidden Christmas" stage production
Where: Green Theatre (333 Madison Ave., Detroit)
When: Various times
Phone: (313) 963-9800
- DEC. 16 - JAN. 2**
What: Railroad Days
Where: Henry Ford Museum & Greenfield Village (20900 Oakwood Blvd., Dearborn)
When: Various times
Phone: (313) 271-1620
- What: Display of zoo animal care
Where: Detroit Zoo (18450 W. Ten Mile, Royal Oak)
When: Various times
Phone: (313) 852-4147

- What: *"I Made This Jar"* exhibit on enslaved African-American potters
Where: Charles H. Wright Museum of African-American History (2134 E. Warren, Detroit)
When: Various times
Phone: (313) 494-3800
- DEC. 16 - JAN. 5**
What: *Mona Lisa Mania*
Where: The Prati Gallery (23173 Northwestern Hwy., Southfield)
When: Various times
Phone: (248) 356-5454
- DEC. 16 - FEB. 13**
What: "Escapade in the Moonlight" stage performance
Where: Gem Theatre (333 Madison Ave., Detroit)
When: Various times
Phone: (313) 963-9800
- DEC. 16 - APRIL 30**
What: On The Air: Michigan Broadcasting 1920-2000 Exhibit
Where: Detroit Historical Museum (5401 Woodward, Detroit)
When: All day event
Phone: (313) 833-1805 (Museum is closed on Mondays)
- DEC. 17**
What: Dayton vs. Michigan State women's basketball
Where: Breslin Center, MSU
When: 7 p.m.
Phone: (517) 355-1610
- What: Colorado Avalanche vs. Detroit Red Wings hockey
Where: Joe Louis Arena (600 Civic Center, Detroit)
When: 7:30 p.m.
Phone: (313) 983-6606
- DEC. 18**
What: A Boychoir Christmas
Where: St. Andrew's Episcopal Church (306 N. Division, Ann Arbor)
When: 7:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.
Phone: (517) 663-5377
- What: Philadelphia 76'ers vs. Detroit Pistons basketball
Where: Palace of Auburn Hills (2 Championship Drive, Auburn Hills)
When: 7:30 p.m.
Phone: (248) 377-0100
- DEC. 17-19**
What: Toy & Hobby Expo 1999
Where: Novi Expo Center (43700 Expo Center Drive, Novi)
When: Various times
Phone: (313) 455-2110
- DEC. 17, 18**
What: 2XL
Where: Bogy's Bar and Grill (142 E. Walled Lake Drive, Walled Lake)
When: Evening
Phone: (248) 669-1441
- DEC. 17 - 19**
What: Toy & Hobby Expo 1999
Where: Novi Expo Center (43700 Expo Center Drive, Novi)
When: Various times
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- DEC. 18, 19**
What: Jack and The Beanstalk stage performance
Where: Marquis Theatre (135 E. Main Street, Northville)
When: 2:30 p.m.
Phone: (248) 349-8110
- DEC. 19**
What: Cincinnati Cyclones vs. Detroit Vipers hockey
Where: Palace of Auburn Hills (2 Championship Drive, Auburn Hills)
When: 6 p.m.
Phone: (248) 377-0100
- What: Over The Rhine
Where: The Ark (316 S. Main, Ann Arbor)
When: 8 p.m.
Phone: (734) 761-1451
- DEC. 21**
What: Washington Wizards vs. Detroit Pistons basketball
Where: Palace of Auburn Hills (2 Championship Drive, Auburn Hills)
When: 7:30 p.m.
Phone: (248) 377-0100
- What: The Brothers Groove
Where: 5th Avenue Ballroom (25750 Novi Road, Novi)
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- What: Cleveland Lumberjacks vs. Detroit Vipers hockey
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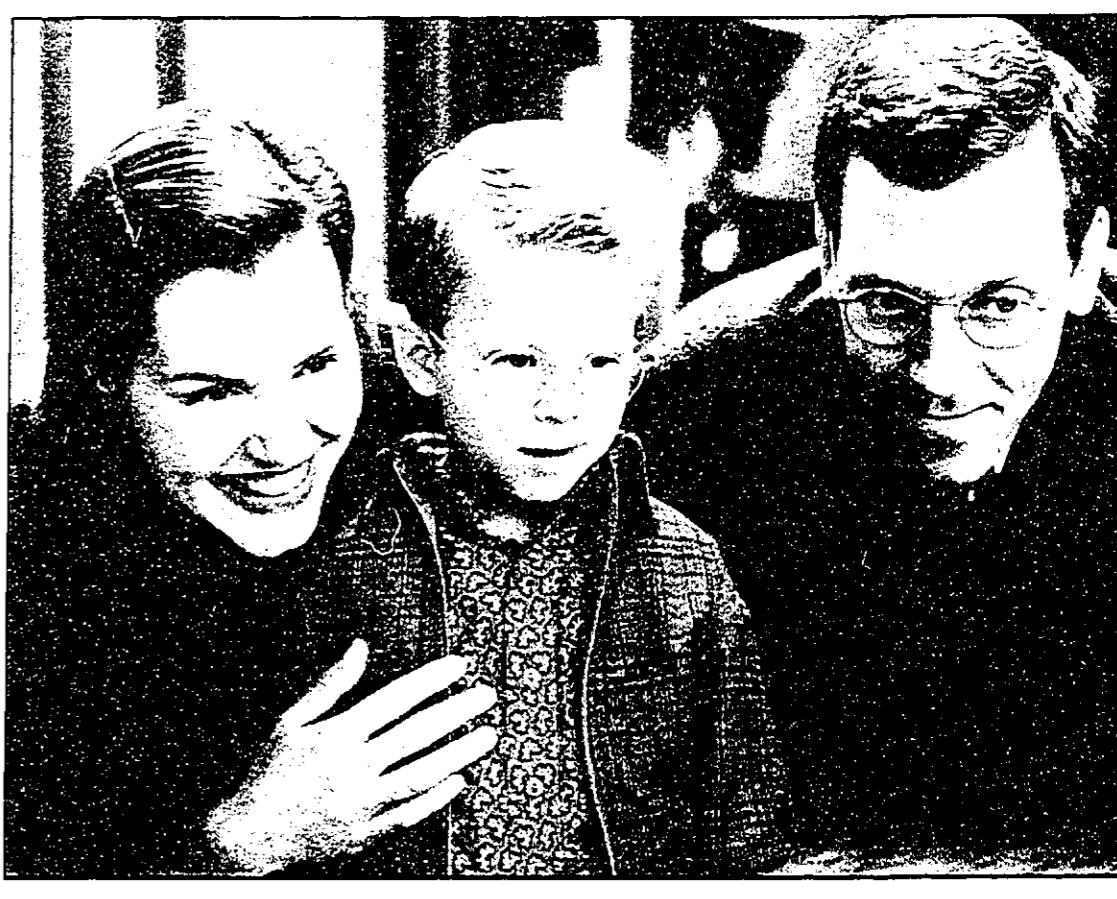
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'Little' guy — big attitude

Spunky mouse embarks on adventure with humans

He's clever, enthusiastic, a "can do" guy with attitude — and he's a mouse. From Rob Minkoff, co-director of "The Lion King" comes the comedy adventure "Stuart Little," based on the classic book by beloved American author E.B. White ("Charlotte's Web," "The Trumpet of the Swan") who has been entertaining families for over 50 years. A little guy with a big heart (not to mention whiskers, a little pink nose and a really dapper wardrobe), Stuart, who is voiced by Michael J. Fox, searches for a sense of belonging and a place to call home in a decidedly super-sized world. When he's adopted by the Littles, a human family played by Academy Award winner Geena Davis, Jonathan Lipnicki and Hugh Laurie, he embarks on adventures with a variety of characters — including his nemesis, family cat Snowbell, voiced by

Nathan Lane, and learns the true meaning of family, loyalty and friendship. The Littles, in the meantime, discover there is a little "Stuart" in all of us — the spunk, spirit and courage to be true to ourselves and follow our dreams despite the odds. The story begins in a cozy brownstone nestled among the gray monoliths along the section of Fifth Avenue that borders New York City's Central Park. Mr. and Mrs. Little bring home a surprising addition to the little family... Stuart. Despite the urgings of Mrs. Keeper at the orphanage to "adopt within their own species," the Littles beam with pride of new parents. As his adventures unfold, Stuart is faced with challenges and choices that could risk his truly deserved happiness. These obstacles might present a problem for a typical mouse... but not for Stuart Little.

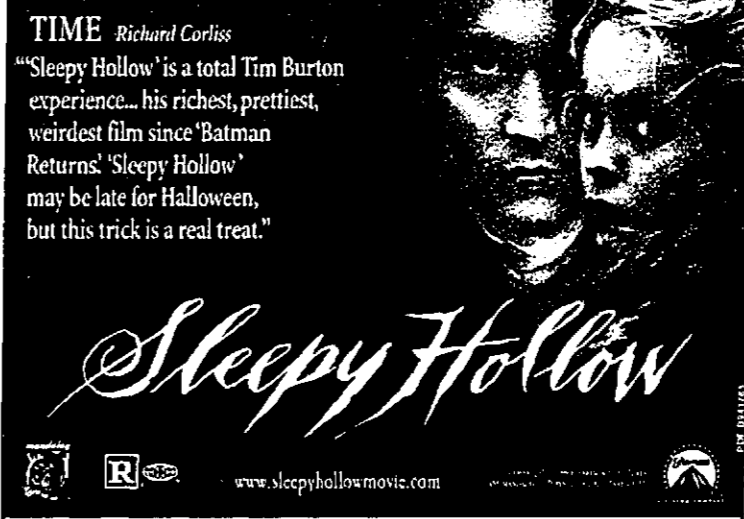


Geena Davis, Jonathan Lipnicki and Hugh Laurie, the family who adopts Stuart Little.

Academy Award winner Tom Hanks stars in 'Green Mile'

Set on Death Row in a Southern prison in 1935, "The Green Mile" is the big-screen adaptation of Stephen King's 1990 bestselling serialized novel. It is the remarkable story of a prison guard who develops a poignant, unusual relationship with one inmate who possesses a magical gift that is both mysterious and miraculous. Two-time Academy Award-winner Tom Hanks stars as Paul Edgecomb, the Death Row head guard who relates in flashback a mystical account about his tour of duty at Cold Mountain Penitentiary and his watch over a quartet of convicted killers awaiting execution in the electric chair. "The Green Mile" is told in a flashback narrated by Edgecomb to his friend Elaine Connelly. Edgecomb is now living in an old-age home some six decades after working as the head guard on Death Row at Cold Mountain Penitentiary. Edgecomb's tour of duty at Cold Mountain in the Depression-era South included watching over a quartet of killers awaiting their final walk down "The Green Mile," the stretch of green linoleum flooring that took convicts from their jail cells to the electric chair. Over the years, Edgecomb walked the mile with a variety of cons. He had never before encountered someone like John Coffey, a massive black man convicted of brutally killing a pair of 9-year-old sisters. As the story unfolds, Edgecomb learns that, sometimes, miracles happen in the most unexpected places.

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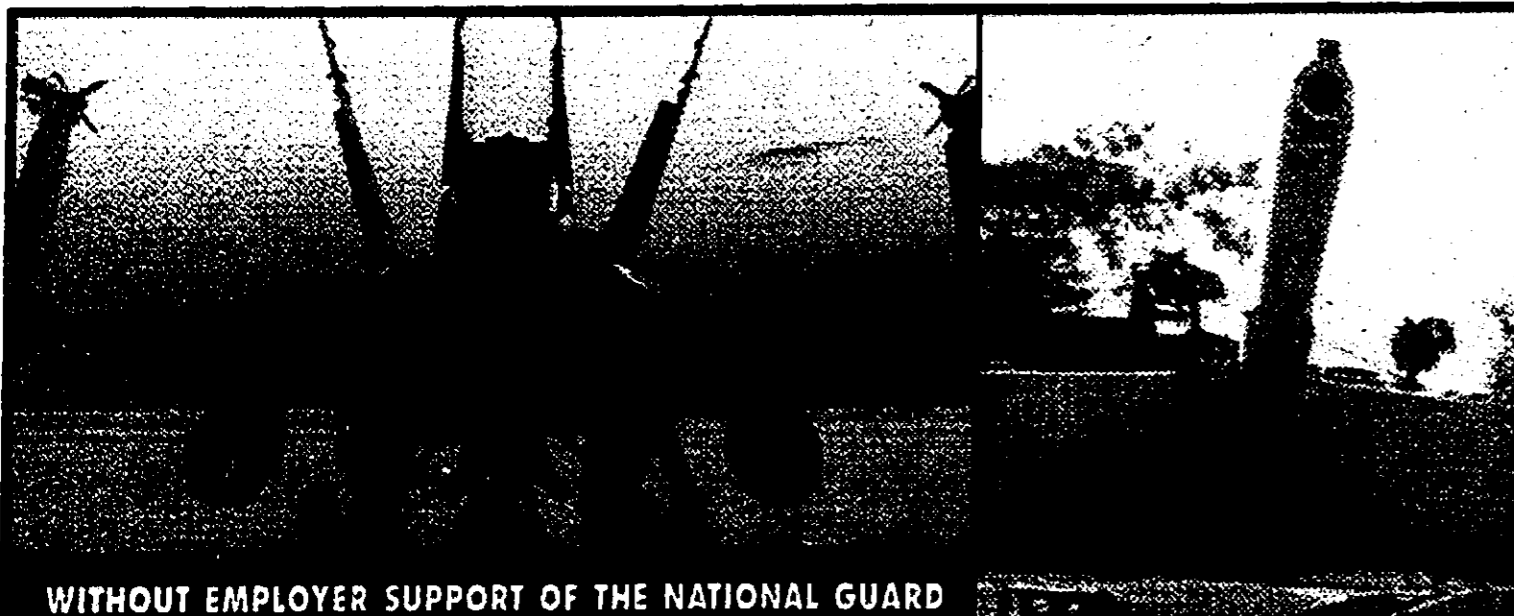
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Winning when it counts most

Key wins fuel 32-26 win over defending Division III champs

By JASON SCHMITT
Sports Editor

Wrestling

When all was said and done following the Novi/Williamston matchup last Saturday at the Novi Invitational, it wasn't just the tremendous matchups the two teams provided that had people talking.

It was Novi's ability to get big wins at key weights throughout its lineup that led to the team's 32-26 win over the defending Division III state champions.

That's what people were talking about.

Novi picked up five wins in the six weight divisions between 140 and 189 pounds to build up a near-insurmountable lead over

den always falls onto their shoulders." Novi coach Brad Huss said. "If he would have lost that match, we would have lost the match. He should be real proud of himself."

That's also the case with several other wrestlers who helped lead Novi to the tournament championship. Novi finished an undefeated 4-0 on the day, picking up wins over Canton 61-10, Lake Orion 54-15 and Flat Rock 54-21 in addition to the big win over Williamston.

Against the Hornets, Novi saw a 10-0 lead slip away and become a 17-10 deficit in a matter of four matches. Williamston matched up well with Novi's strongest portion of its lineup, and snagged wins away from Dan Jilg and Ryan Churella in the process.

The featured match of the day pitted Churella against sophomore Andy Simmons at 130. Simmons is the defending Division III state champ at 112, while Churella was the Division I runner-up last year. The nationally-ranked Simmons took control early, scoring on a pair of takedowns midway through the first period. He added three more takedowns in a crucial second period that saw him jump out to a 10-4 lead.

Churella wrestled on top for much of the third period, but couldn't muster up any points and lost the match 10-5. Sim-

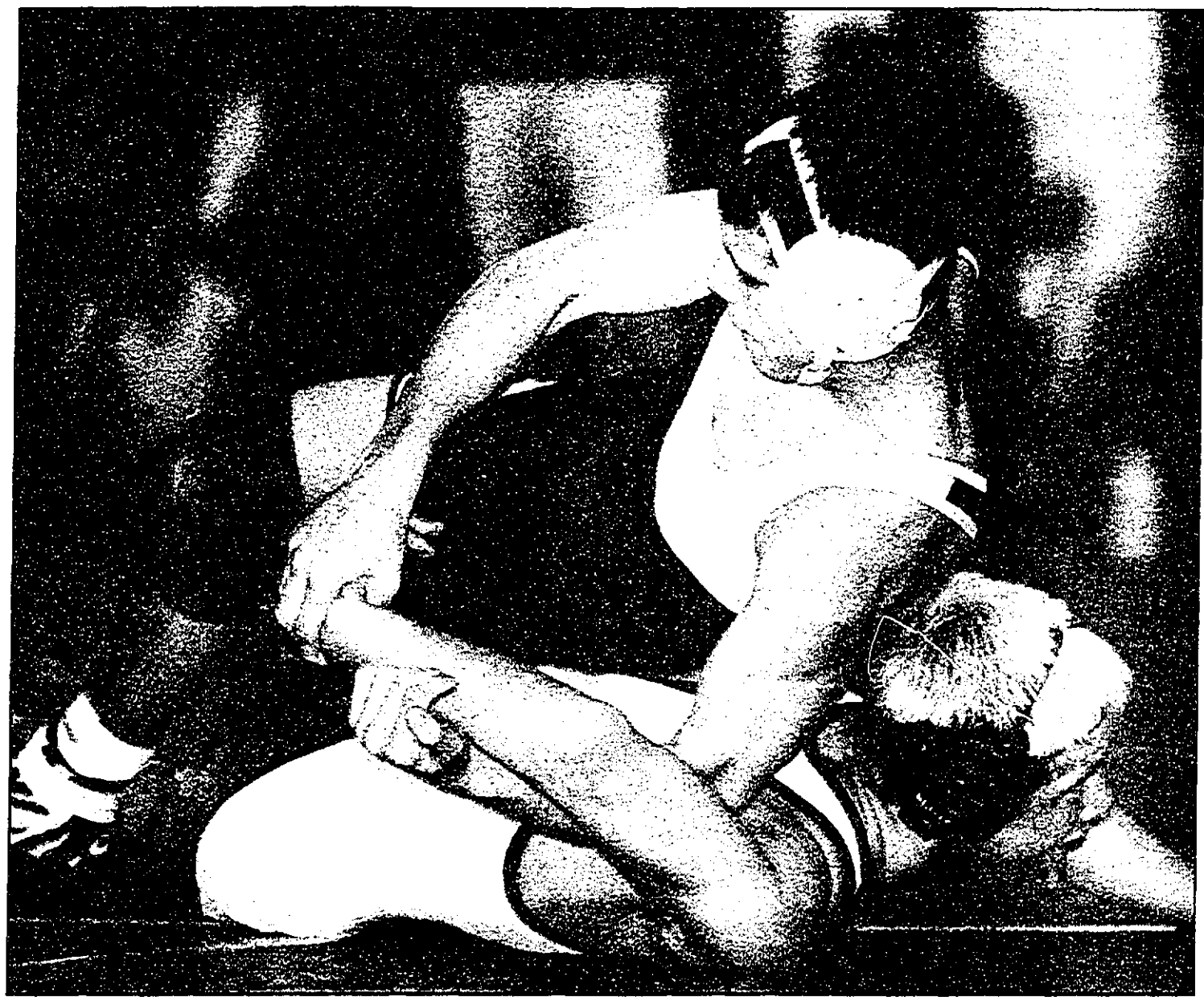


Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Ryan Churella appears to have the upper hand in his match with Andy Simmons, however, Simmons pulled out a 10-5 win.

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Brad Huss,
Novi wrestling coach

the Hornets. Then heavyweight Jason Moore secured the win with a 9-7 win over Williamston's Jordan Moon in the matches' final bout.

"I hate to see matches come down to the heavyweights, because it's not fair that the bur-

mons remained undefeated in his high school career. The win gave Williamston a 12-10 lead.

The match prior to that included Jilg and P.J. Mitchell. Both

placed in the top three at last year's state meet in their respective divisions. Mitchell frustrated Jilg for much of the match and scored on a takedown and a

reversal to get a 4-1 win. With the team trailing 17-10, Brent Frey got things going for Novi with a 6-3 decision over Kevin Sharp. That, coupled with

Eric Cook's 9-4 win over Steve Weber pulled the 'Cats to within a point at 17-16.

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Novi reaches semis

Volleyball

By JASON SCHMITT
Sports Editor

If the Novi volleyball team hopes to make a run at the Kensington Valley Conference title this season, then it'll have to pull together as a team to do it.

Without a lot of top-notch returning talent, coach Julie Fisette said she'll look to her team depth as a team strength.

"There's no great standouts on this team, but they all do a good job for us," Fisette said. "We've got great depth on the bench, and we're able to substitute for anyone on the floor at any time."

If there is one player looking to stand out to the rest of the league, it's 6-foot-1 senior Kristen McGlennen. The three-year letter-winner returns to one of the middle hitter positions, where she earned All-Area honors a year ago.

"She's the kid that everybody else notices when they play us," her coach said of her. "She's got a great serve and is able to pound the ball down at the net."

Alongside McGlennen in the middle will be senior Angie Herbst. She and fellow co-captain Emily Major return to the team this season, after seeing ample playing time as juniors. Major will be a backrow specialist, coming in the game in defensive situations.

Senior Christina Parrish will be the team's number one setter, and will be joined by junior Christina Cypher when the team goes to a 6-2 lineup.

Starting at the outside hitter positions will be juniors Mickie Rzepka and Kathy Zakaria. Rzepka played up on varsity last season, and is the team's best athlete.

"She'll be playing all around for us," Fisette said. "She may not be coming out of the game."

Zakaria will share the starting position with Allison Tingwall. "If one doesn't seem to be playing well, I can bring the other one in and not miss a beat," their coach said.



Photo by LOUIS POULOS

Senior co-captain Angie Herbst serves in Monday's match.

Along with Major, senior Sarah Clark and freshman Shoko Oshima will play as defensive specialists. Oshima is also the team's third setter.

Oshima and Angie Schmitt

(middle hitter) are the first two freshmen to ever be called up to varsity by Fisette, who said she's really impressed with both of

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Nadolni's 16 not enough in loss

By JASON SCHMITT
Sports Editor

Basketball

In sports, numbers don't mean everything.

Unless you're talking about basketball.

In a game full of statistics, Novi found itself on the bottom column in several key categories in a 73-62 loss to Brighton last Friday night. They don't lie, and they told much of the tale.

The Bulldogs took advantage of Novi's foul troubles all night long, connecting on 27 of 35 attempts in the game. The Wildcats, on the other hand, attempted just 20 and hit 14.

"Mentally we didn't play tough, and sent them to the line way too many times," Novi coach Pat Schluter said.

Without their starting point guard Brandon Davis, who is still out with an ankle injury, Novi fell behind quickly. In fact, Brighton built an early 16-4 lead midway through the first quarter. The 'Cats struck back though, using a 20-7 run midway through the half to take a 24-23 lead.

But that's where the fouls came into play. Brighton hit most of their free throws to end the half and took a 41-27 lead into the break.

"Their crowd took us out of our game," the coach said. "It was on the road, and we got frustrated. We don't have a lot of experience out there."

For the game, Novi committed a costly 30 turnovers. Chad Nadolni led the team with 16 points, and Jeff Perreca added 10. Brendan Hadley

scored nine and Dan Nawrot chipped in with eight of his own. Brighton's Ryan Goulette scored a game-high 20 points and David Nowaczyk added 14.

The loss dropped Novi to 0-2 overall heading into Tuesday's game against Northville.

WESTERN 62, NOVI 49

Much like it did against the Bulldogs last Friday, Novi sent the Warriors to the line a few too many times in this season-opening loss on Dec. 7.

Walled Lake built a 37-23 halftime lead and extended that to 51-34 after three quarters.

"It was the same situation for us," Schluter said. "We were down by four or five points with five minutes left in the second and all of a sudden we're in foul trouble. We played pretty well — much better than we did against Brighton."

With Davis and Nadolni missing the game for different reasons, Nawrot stepped up and scored 20 to lead the 'Cats.

Novi will look to even up its conference record when it hosts South Lyon tomorrow night at Novi High School. The varsity game will begin around 7 p.m. The Wildcats will take part in the annual Christmas Tournament at Northville High School Monday and Tuesday.

Northville edges Novi, 49-46

Novi led 23-22 at halftime and the game was tied at 36 at the end of three quarters. Novi's Chad Nadolni led all scorers with 25 points. Perreca and Gregor led Northville with 16 and 10, respectively.

In a game that went back and forth all night long, Northville took the lead for good when David Gregor hit a layup with 1:25 left to play. It gave Northville a 47-46 lead.

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Swim team set to go

Swimming

By JASON SCHMITT
Sports Editor

Looking down his 1999-2000 roster, Novi swim coach Bill McCord has noticed something different from years past.

"It's definitely a different picture than it's been the last couple of years," McCord said. "We have always had a group of veteran swimmers coming back at the beginning of the season. Their are not a lot of proven performers on this team. But then again, I knew that two years ago."

McCord said this season should be interesting, and that the team will take a different approach into most of its meets this season. The coach said that in years past, he was able to maneuver his lineup when his team was winning to get his younger swimmers some experience. This year he said his younger swimmers will have to be his experience.

Adam Bayer and Phil Suchyta are two of the team's three seniors on the team, and were voted this year's captains by their teammates. Suchyta excelled in the distance freestyle events last year, but will be counted on to swim where his coaches need him this season.

Bayer took a year off from swimming last year, but returns for his last year of high school. He swam primarily the backstroke as a sophomore.

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Scouting the KVC's best

By JASON SCHMITT, SCOTT KELLEY and STEVE BELL

There are several sports the Novis excel in...

One of the most successful sports the Novis excel in is wrestling.

The Novis wrestling team has won several state titles...

But the depth of the teams as well as the individuals is what makes the Novis so special.

Hospitality Newspaper's East and West titles have combined with to rank the top 15 wrestlers in the league...

Some may be unknown, some may be rising stars, but none of the 15 athletes have been given anything. They've earned everything they've won...

Here they are, from 1-15:

1. Dan Jilg, senior, Novi, 119 - The most accomplished high school wrestler Novi has ever seen...

2. Ryan Churella, junior, Novi, 125 - It was a toss up between Jilg and Churella...

3. Jeff Olson, junior, Brighton, 130 - As a sophomore he put together a great season...

4. Mike Chandler, senior, South Lyon, 132 - As a junior Chandler finished sixth in the state...

5. Shane Steckroth, senior, Hartland, 125 - Perhaps an eight ranking is a little to low...

6. Tim Bragg, junior, Lakeland, 112 - Last year, then-Eagles coach Don Ullrich called Bragg the "sophomore sensation"...

7. Brooks Cozart, senior, Howell, 112 - The past two years Cozart has qualified for the state meet both times...

8. Adam Borashko, senior, Novi, 189 - Last season, only a loss to Hartland's Elijah Ferris kept Borashko from winning a KVC title...

9. Justin Lambert, senior, Milford, 160 - He's already won over 100 matches...

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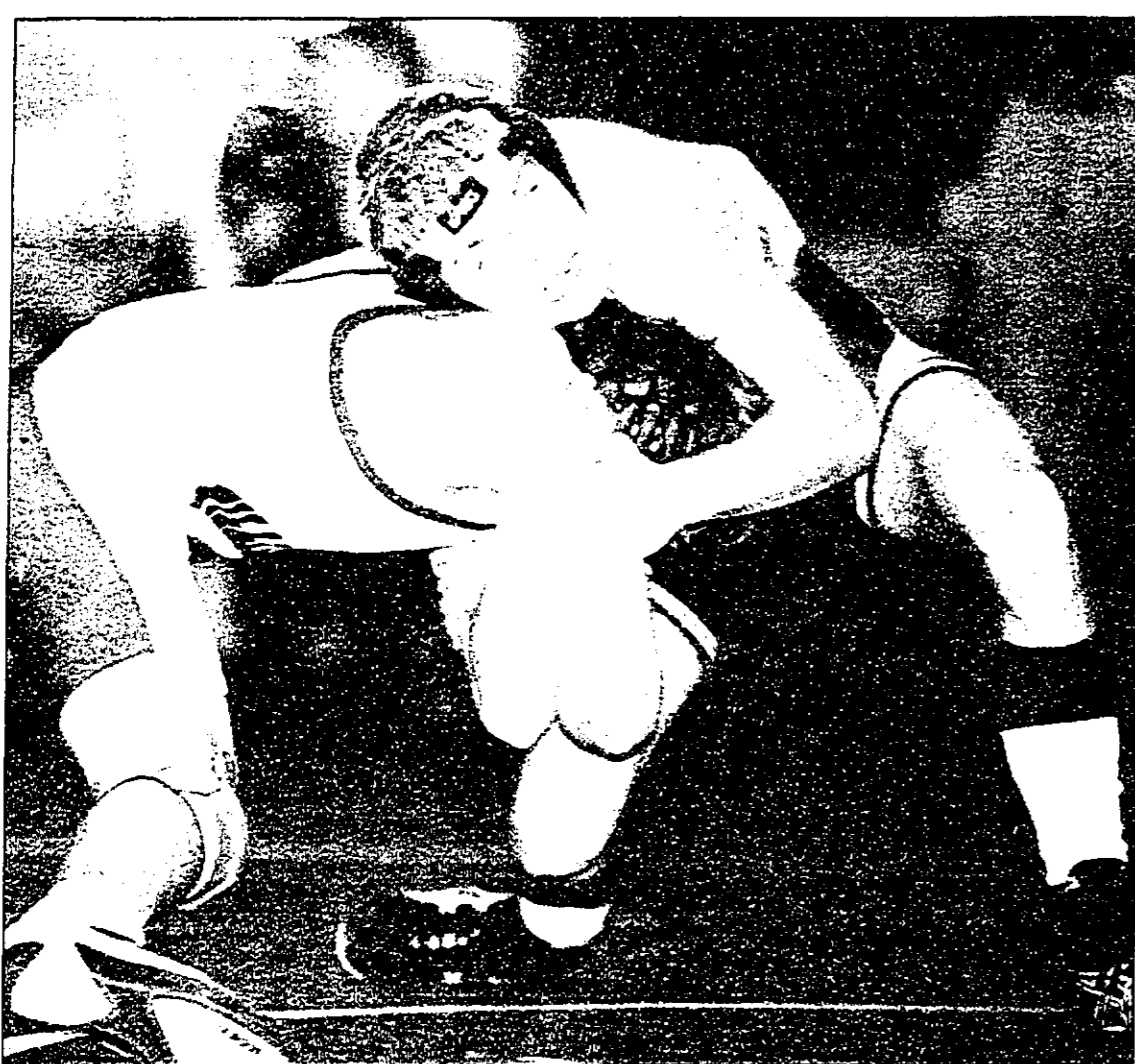
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14. Nick Sloan, junior, Novi, 215 - Last season Sloan steadily improved throughout the entire season...

15. Elbert Sauls, senior, South Lyon, 103 - With Lakeland's Tim Bragg wrestling at 112 pounds...



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Novi wins its own invitational

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A match later Frank Kara reeked out a 4-2 win over Kevin Bisard at 160 and Scott Korland came through with a lug pin at 171...

"I'll tell you right now, (Kara is) our most improved wrestler," Huss said. "He still makes mistakes, but he's working hard and improving every time out."

Senior Adam Borashko then came through with a 13-2 win over Jacob Miller at 189 to give the team a commanding 29-20 lead.

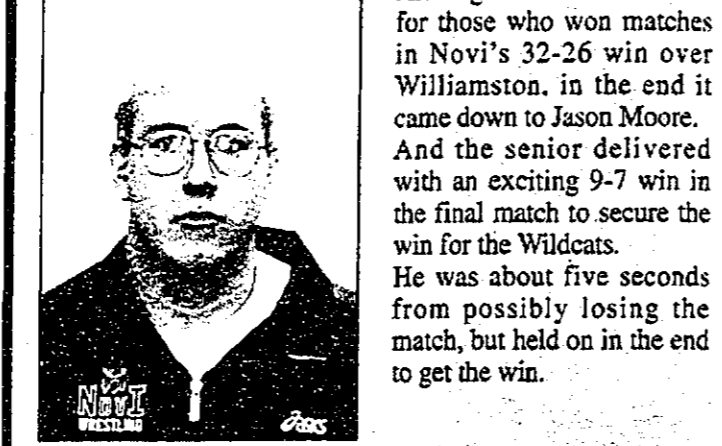
However, defending Kensington Valley Conference champion Nick Sloan got stuck and was pinned by John Wetten to give the Hornets one last chance.

But Moore came through with a win at heavyweight to seal the victory for the undefeated Wildcats (6-0).

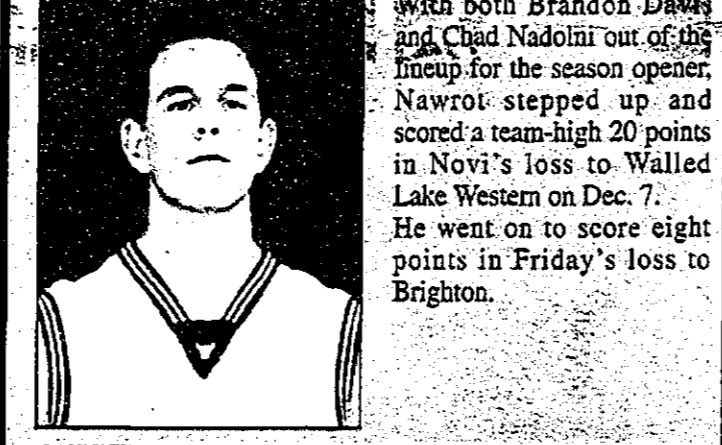
In the early going, Josh Churella won by void at 103 and Cory Nobach beat Steve Dufren 9-1 at 112 to give Novi their 10-0 lead.

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Swift turnaround from last year has Novi right in the hunt for KVC title

By JASON SCHMITT Sports Editor

At this point in the season a year ago, the Wildcat hockey team was still looking for its first win of the season. The team was 0-9, but improving.

Remarkably, in just its second year of existence, Novi has lost just one game in its first nine games. The Wildcats are 3-1-5 overall, and stand at 1-0-3 in Kensington Valley Conference play.

Last Wednesday (Dec. 8) the team tied Milford 2-2 at the Novi Ice Arena in what could be the first of two tough games between quite possibly the league's two best teams.

Novi scored twice in the final 3:32 of the second period to rally from a 1-0 deficit. But Milford scored on a power play with 10:50 remaining in the game to square up the score and earn the tie.

The Redskins got on the board first, when Jeff Phillips scored on a rebound with 9:19 left in the first period. The goal against Novi goalie Beau Brandau was the only goal the two teams traded in the season opener.

Novi center Brad Zarem changed all of that when he skated in from the left side of Milford goalie Brian Cervin and scored on a wrist shot to the goalie's stick side.

Just over two minutes later Zarem was at it again, this time off a pass from Brian Jaussi. With Novi on the power play, Zarem dumped the puck down to Jaussi, who found Zarem back in front of the goal for the score.

The league tie was the second straight for the Wildcats, who also tied Hartland 2-2 and Brighton in the season opener. Novi beat South Lyon 7-5 in their only KVC win this year.

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"We've got a fair amount of kids back from last year, but we lost a lot," the coach admitted. "We're going to have to swim the best we can this year. But it'll be a fun challenge for us."

Swimmers will rely on young talent

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but may also be moved around where the team needs him this year.

"I've been really happy with his attitude and leadership so far this year," McCord said. "He was plagued by shoulder problems and I think the year off to heal has done him good."

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JV pom pon team wins at Saginaw

The Novi JV pom pon team kicked their way to a first place finish at the 9th Annual Mid-American High School and Collegiate Dance Team Championships held Nov. 14 at Saginaw Valley State University.

The team was entered in the Junior High-Kick Division and took their Harley Davidson-themed routine to a near perfect performance. High Kick routines must contain a minimum of

40 kicks with a four-minute performance and are judged on team unity and precision, execution, form, technique, formations, height and form of kicks as well as showmanship.

The team finished with a score of 96 points out of a possible 100. That total was the second-highest in all categories overall, with Novi's varsity team receiving the Overall High Score Travel Trophy.

Team members include Brittney Bixman, Carmen Decker, Ashlee Doster, Kiley Ellring, Kristen Fraser, Christina Hagan, Jessica Hagan, Danielle Kazanos, Megan Kemski, Kristen Kern, Elizabeth Kossik, Hillary Kroll, Holly Lloyd, Christina Moriana, Brittany Neville, Lauren Powell, Erin Reid, Erika Shatney, Christy Stewart and Sarah Wilson. The team is coached by Jen Hubenschmidt.

JV Highlights

NOVI JV BASKETBALL
Record 1-1
Tuesday, Dec. 7
Walleye Western 46, Novi 43
Jamie Schram had 19 points and Trey Simpson added 10 points for the Wildcats.

Friday, Dec. 10
Novi 64, Brighton 53
Jamie Schram and Shawn Dickens each scored 17 points for Novi. Chase Chandler directed the offense.

Mix of young, old talent leads netters

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them. According to Fiset, Schmitt has made a natural shift from middle school volleyball to the varsity lineup, while Oshima has played volleyball for the past seven years in Japan.

The final member of Novi's 12-person squad is junior outside hitter Melissa Clark. She'll provide depth at the outside hitter position with her tremendous blocking ability.

Although Fiset doesn't expect anyone to stand out and lead the team single-handedly, she felt that McGilmen, Kozak and Parrish provided the core for a promising young team.

"This team really plays well together," she said. "They all work hard, they all get along and it's been a good mix of attitudes."

Last year Novi finished fourth in the KVC, something Fiset believed could be a repeat this season, although she feels her

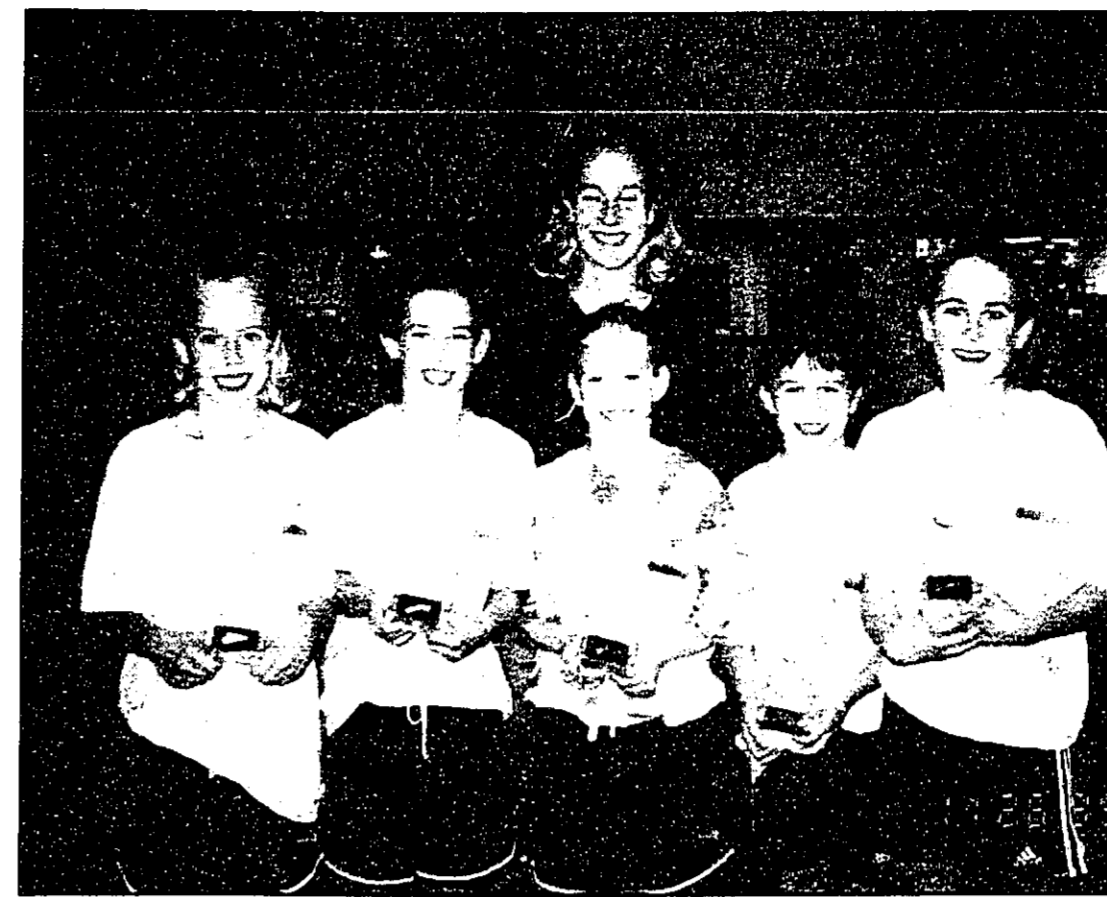
team can compete with anybody.

"I've always felt we're as good of hitters as Brighton," the coach said. "This year I feel that the KVC is really strong."

She and her team saw firsthand how tough the KVC may be at the South Lyon Invitational this past Saturday. Novi finished first in their four-team pool and reached the semifinals before bowing out to Milford 13-15, 9-15. That loss followed up a quarterfinal win over Trenton 16-14, 16-18, 15-9.

Novi split their games with both Howell and Belleville in pool play, but beat Freekrey 15-6, 15-8 to help earn a tie with Belleville. They earned the No. 1 seed and advanced to play Trenton.

Chelsea beat Milford in the finals. "I haven't seen [Milford] play that well in years," Fiset said of the league's surprise team. "Our girls were a little disappointed, but I couldn't be down on them. They played well."



Gobblers win shoot out...

The Turkey Gobblers won the Thanksgiving 3 on 3 U-12 Turkey Shoot-Out tournament held at Total Soccer in Wixom.

The team consists of (l-r) Jessica Bardot, Stephanie Crawford, Katie Walker, Kelli Corless and Kristine Chaklos. Their coach

(standing) is Michele Brach.

Last year the team won the U-10 division and they played up a division this season for the challenge. The team defeated the U-12 Hawks in overtime to clinch the championship.



Cougars win Mini Mite

The Novi Cougars won the Mini Mite Division (ages 4-7) of the Farmington Hills Thanksgiving Tournament by defeating the Farmington Hills Charizards 4-3 in overtime. Their tournament record was 5-0.

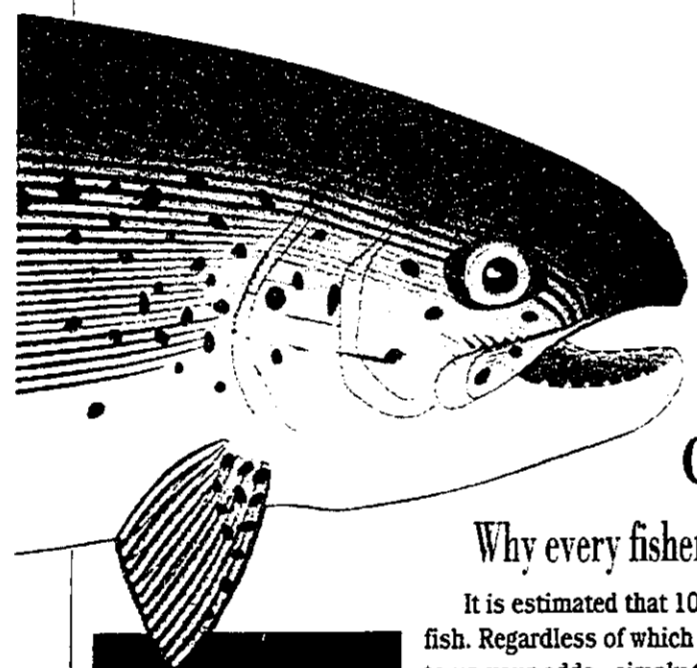
The team had to come from behind to do it too. Trailing 3-2, Frank Dreslinski scored with one second remaining to send the game to OT, where Zach Mohr scored the

game winner. Other team members include Kent Burnett, Kyle Shreve, Nicholas Bageris, Matthew Bonnell, Andrew Check, Evan Cochran, Kyle Hammer, Alec Johnson, Spencer Knickerbocker, Alec Lemieux, Patrick Luther, Nolan Valteau, and Christopher VeraBurgos. The team is coached by Dan Mohr, Phil Valteau, Ra Burnett and Mike Bageris.

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The "Stream Map of Pennsylvania" was completed in 1965 after a thirty-year effort by Howard Higbee, a former Penn State Professor.

Professor Higbee succeeded in creating a map of the highest detail possible... a map that shows every stream and lake. He painstakingly plotted by hand, the location of 45,000 miles of streams onto a 3 x 5 foot map.

The map sold extremely well... until it was lost several years after it first appeared in print. Incredibly, the printer entrusted with the original drawing and printing plates, declared bankruptcy, then carelessly hauled Higbee's 30 years of work to a landfill.

The few remaining dog-eared copies became a prized fisherman's possession. Professor Higbee was offered \$400 for one of his last maps. And state agencies were forced to keep their copies under lock and key.

Experts told Professor Higbee that reprints were impossible, because the maps were printed in non-photographic blue.

Then, in 1991, at the age of 91, Howard Higbee's dream came true. Computers made it possible to reprint the map. Holding an updated map, Howard said, "I never thought I'd live to see this day."

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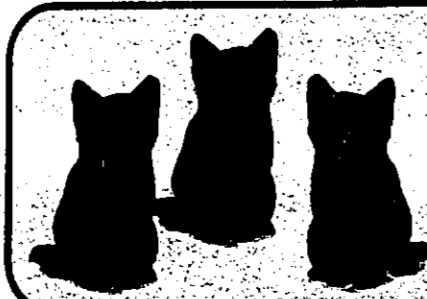
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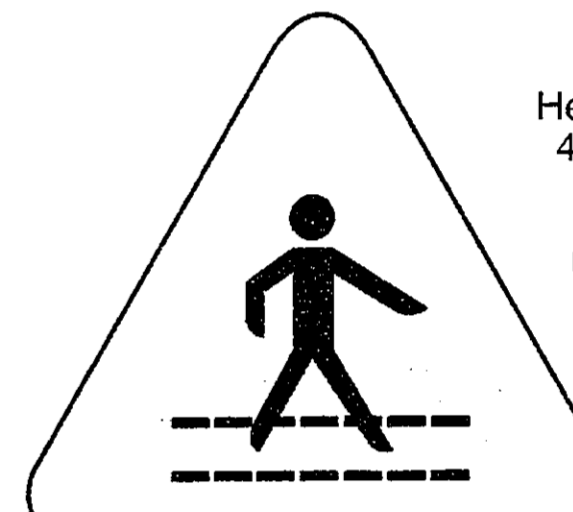
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Jason's Journey hits fifth week

"Jason's Journey" to reach his fitness goals is well underway. For those of you joining us with this column, allow me to review what this journey is all about.

As we all find ourselves in the holiday season, we also find ourselves in the "food-eating season" and for many, the result is weight gain. Many of us will be or are already beginning the thought process of how do I get in better shape and lose some weight? (Which, by the way, consistently tops the New Year's resolutions list.)

In an effort to help you examine the smaller, personal health club option of reaching your weight and fitness goals, we are walking you through the journey of our "average guy" (volunteer Jason Schmitt), in his attempt to reach those very same goals.

Jason is following our club's 12-week individualized personal training program. This program is designed to take Jason from where he is today to where he wants his body to be, and give him the tools to keep it there for life. By including the journey from both the health professional's eyes as well as Jason's eyes, you should get a fun and realistic look at what it takes to achieve some key lifestyle changes. These lifestyle changes are the only true path to ideal weight and overall health and fitness. So when it comes to that super machine that does it all or that magic pill, save your money and more importantly, save your health.

A jury recently awarded more than \$23 million to a 36-year-old woman. The woman's physician charged that Redux, an American Home Product diet pill, had done irreparable damage to his patient's heart valves. An Aug. 6 issue of *The New York Times* estimates that the total number of lawsuits against American Home Products has grown to more than 10,000, with analysts estimating over \$5 billion in total liabilities. There is no shortcut to reaching your weight and fitness goals safely.

One comment on the previous column, Jason pointed out that his goal of a 7-pound weight loss did not seem like much. Weight is only the tip of the iceberg when it comes to your appearance goals. The percentage of weight from body fat and lean muscle is the key.

Jason's goal is a 10-pound body fat reduction, but his goal of a slight increase in lean muscle offsets the overall weight loss goal. The amount of lean muscle a person wants or needs to add will directly influence the overall weight goal. Do not use a weight scale as your only indicator of your fitness.

For example, if you lost 5 pounds, wouldn't that be nice? But, if it came from lean muscle and water, what have you really done? Well, you have lost valuable muscle and dehydrated yourself. Not only is this temporary, but not healthy. Conversely, if you added two or three pounds but it was well-needed water (not to carry excess water but to be properly hydrated for health), and a little of well-placed muscle that might be fine, but if you are only using the weight scale, you will get a false reading.

The following is a recap of Jason's five visits so far. Jason's coach and trainer, Lesley Pagnucco wrote them:

• Session One

Jason and I went over his profile packet that was given to him at his initial consultation. We talked about Jason's health history, food profile (which is foods he likes and is eating now), as well as vital lifestyle questions and his specific goals. It is a key to know exactly what Jason wants to achieve.

I then began recording his starting statistics...resting heart rate of 61, pretty good. The lower the resting heart rate in general, the better. Let's get the heart to work as efficiently as possible. In other words, oxygenating the body with the least amount of effort. We have seen resting heart rate reductions up to 10-12 beats per minute.

Next, body weight and percentage of body fat. Utilizing the caliper method (there are other methods), we obnoxiously but painlessly pinch four places on your body. This gives us a pretty good



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Water Wheel fitness instructor Lesley Pagnucco goes over Jason Schmitt's diet goals during a recent assessment at the Water Wheel Health Club.

estimate of how much of your weight is body fat versus lean muscle. We also completed Jason's circumference measurements.

Finally, I completed a postural analysis and a core strength check. Jason's shoulders were slightly protruded (rounded forward). We will work on this, and his core (mid section) was strong. We concluded this session with reviewing some things for Jason to work on prior to our next appointment and gave him his exercise handbook.

• Session Two

Jason warms up on the treadmill on his own and we meet on the exercise floor. Time for a practical assessment of how ready he is on the resistance equipment. This, combined with his postural analysis, core strength test and his goals will allow me to design a safe, effective initial exercise program. We will take all the guesswork out for Jason. The last half-hour was spent going over Jason's computer printout. This is the result of inputting all of Jason's data, starting statistics, food profile, goals, etc.

This printout begins to lay out each of the five key components that it will take to achieve long term goals. The five components are resistance training, cardiovascular training, food intake, assuring he is getting all the nutrients needed, and finally, utilizing me — his coach — and the entire fitness team to help keep Jason motivated and on track.

We all have up and down times. With his data in hand, Jason was beginning to understand exactly what fuel to put in his body, how many calories, what percentages of protein, fat and carbohydrates, etc. We concluded with Jason making plans to begin to get control of his food intake.

• Session Three

We completed a full body workout today, documenting all the settings and going over the exact movements specific to Jason's body. I felt Jason wanted to do more than we did, which is typical of a lot of our clients. However, if we can focus on proper form in completing the exercise movements, the better off we will be in the long run.

There is something to be said for working smart as well as hard. So many clients do not have the five components sorted out for them. They work hard,

see little or no results, and drop out, joining the "I tried the health club route and it did not work for me." This is a loss for everyone.

Find the right club for you to assure you will get what you want and need to achieve the reasons you came there in the first place. It is not just how much weight a person uses, but how he or she does the movements.

We also discussed his menu and how to exchange foods easily to give him variety, and we checked on how all this was working in Jason's lifestyle.

• Session Four

We talked about how Jason was feeling overall. A big part of the program is making it work in each of our client's life. We get our clients anywhere from two to five hours a week, while the world has them for the other 160 or so hours. We must make the connection between the club and their life, and we work hard at this.

He was feeling great, energy high and only a little sore, so we slightly increased the intensity of his workout. We covered some more education issues and wrapped the session up.

• Session Five

Big day today. Jason gets reevaluated to check our progress. Super results. In only ten days of implementing the program, he reduced his fat mass 3.7 pounds and added 3.2 pounds of lean muscle, resulting in only 1/2 pound on the scale, but as discussed earlier, he is on his way to the body he wants.

I am proud of Jason and appreciate his honesty. We don't expect our clients to comply 100 percent all the time, but hope they can realize this program is a tool on how the human body works. No gimmicks or games, just the science of the body, a little patience, hard work and determination. Great job, Jason.

Stay tuned.

Chris Klebba, owner and operator of the Water Wheel Health Club Inc. and a certified personal fitness instructor wrote this column. For more information, call (248) 449-7634.

Program begins to take off for Jason

Well the first three weeks of my journey through Apexville are coming to a close. And let me tell you, it hasn't been easy.

I've had to completely change my eating habits,

which were disgustingly fatty when I started. I would say that's been the biggest change in my daily routine. But other than that the program has gone on without a hitch in it.

At least from my end.

I'm feeling as healthy as ever. Whether that's because I'm tricking myself into feeling that way, or whether I really believe it, I don't know. But I feel like I can do more, at the gym or at work. I seem to be getting more accomplished.

When I began the Apex training system, I was told it would not be easy. So none of this comes as a surprise to me. Actually, my program has become easier as the time has passed. I no longer find myself craving Whoppers, or chili-cheese french fries. The water I drink on a daily basis is actually refreshing and the white meats on my menu tend to fill me up.

Lesley Pagnucco has been wonderful to work with. She's enthusiastic, to say the least, and she actually cares about my progress. If I'm not doing it for myself, then I've got Lesley, Chris Klebba, Boo Sadlot and the rest of my readers to do it for. That's the way I look at it.

Not knowing what exactly I'd be doing throughout this program, I definitely didn't know I'd be learning so much about what I was doing. Lesley's been teaching me about my food intake, my supplements and what each of my resistance training exercises does for my body. She's made me aware of why we're doing this, and where I can be if I strive to reach my goals.

In the first two weeks of the program, I lost over seven percent of my original body fat. And I feel that the first two weeks were tame compared to the workouts I've completed since then. Believe me, there's nothing more satisfying than seeing the results of your hard work on paper. Even if I don't see a big change in the mirror, I have felt a change for the better inside.

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With callipers in hand, Lesley Pagnucco takes a tricep measurement to figure out the exact percentage of Jason's body fat. In the first two weeks, he dropped 1.6 percent.

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